

LIFE GROUP APPLICATION QUESTIONS

2 Timothy Series

These questions are for the **April 14, 2024** message, "Days of remembrance." Please read the sermon passage (2 Timothy 1:1-7) together out loud.

Passage Outline

AS WE REMEMBER HOW GOD HAS WORKED THROUGH OTHERS, NOTE . . .

1. The thankfulness that needs to be expressed. (3-4)
 - a. Though Paul is imprisoned, he serves the Lord and thanks God.
 - i. He thanks God in spite of very difficult and dark circumstances.
 - ii. He thanks God for people such as Timothy.
 1. In spite of the fact that they are not present.
 2. Paul fondly and faithfully remembers Timothy in prayer.
 - b. We remember to pray "constantly" for the people God has brought into our lives.
2. The heritage that needs to be recognized. (5)
 - a. Paul sees Timothy's sincere faith. (Sincere=genuine=real deal)
 - b. This faith was also present in Timothy's mother and grandmother.
 - c. Moms and dads, take heart! Keep praying for your children and showing them Jesus.
3. The gifting that needs to be developed. (6-7)
 - a. God has given each believer a gift which is to be used in serving him.
 - b. God has given us a spirit of power, love and self-control.

Life Group Discussion Questions

1. Based on #1, above: It's easy to get cold or cynical and just expect others to perform, to serve us or to meet our expectations. When this happens, we forget to thank God for people and we forget to thank people. Do you intentionally offer thanks to God for people? Are there people that you have forgotten to thank God for recently? How could you improve at thanking people?
2. Based on #1, above: Paul continued to serve the Lord faithfully even while he was in prison, in an aging body, facing execution. On the outside someone could say, "It's over! Your ongoing efforts are futile." But Paul knew that a word of encouragement, a written exhortation could make a huge difference. He did not give up. How does his example encourage you?
3. Based on #1, above: A key emphasis of this passage is Paul's constant prayer ministry for Timothy, and how he prayed, "constantly," "day and night." For whom do you pray constantly?
4. Based on #3, above: Every person who knows Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord has been given a spiritual gift for the purpose of serving Jesus by building others up. What is your gift? In what ways have you worked on developing it? How do you use your gift in the service of God's kingdom? What ministry of the church is nearest to your heart?