

## LIFE GROUP APPLICATION QUESTIONS

## 2 Timothy Series

These questions are for the **April 28, 2024** message, "Entrusted." Please read the sermon passage (2 Timothy 1:12b-14) together out loud. (If it helps, you could read 8-14 to provide more context.)

### Passage Outline

HAVING BEEN ENTRUSTED WITH THE GOSPEL, NOTE . . .

1. The certainty we should possess. (12b)
  - a. Paul "knows" and is "convinced" about the person and work of Jesus Christ.
    - i. He is able to guard the good news.
    - ii. He has entrusted gospel ministry to Paul and Timothy (and us!).
  - b. Jesus will guard and enable fruitful gospel ministry until "that day" (his Second Coming).
    - i. Paul's certainty is based upon Jesus himself (not a doctrine or an idea).
    - ii. Paul knows and loves Jesus Christ.
  - c. NOTE: Biblical certainty provides personal security.
2. The pattern that we should follow. (13)
  - a. Paul does not call Timothy merely to "follow me."
  - b. Paul instructs: follow my pattern of "healthy words" which are "in Christ Jesus."
3. The responsibility that we should fulfill. (14)
  - a. Timothy: responsibility for this gospel message now rests upon you.
  - b. Guard the deposit. Carry the "baton" of this relay race.

### Life Group Discussion Questions

1. Based on #1, above: Paul uses settled, confident and immovable words such as 'know,' 'believe,' and 'convinced.' Paul is absolutely certain that Jesus Christ alone has 'abolished death' and 'brought life and immortality to light.' (v. 10) Why is complete confidence in Jesus Christ alone a necessary possession for those who minister the gospel? Do you ever wrestle with certainty?
2. Based on #1, above: In our culture, and with our friends, there is a fine line between complete confidence and personal arrogance. How can we work at complete certainty while still being humble, respectful and gentle when we minister the gospel?
3. Based on #2, above: Paul instructs Timothy to follow his "pattern" of "healthy words." What can we learn from Paul's pattern of healthy (life-giving) words? In what ways does the pattern of your use of words need to mature? How can we be praying for your word usage?
4. Based on #3, above: There is a two-fold realization to verse 14.
  - At various places in your life, you have been entrusted to guard and minister the gospel to this generation. In what ways are you becoming more faithful to this role?
  - At various places, you must entrust the gospel message to others. How have you empowered others in gospel ministry?