



Timothy

Week 3
2 Tim. 1:13-18

General:

- When you're making decisions in life, what do you usually consider more: The cost, or the value?
- How do you personally define what something is "worth"? What determines that for you?
- Paul encouraged Timothy not to get distracted. What's the biggest distraction in your life right now when it comes to living out your faith?
- Pastor Chip talked about the importance of following sound (healthy) words in verse 13. What voices or messages do you find yourself listening to most? How do you filter what's true from what's just noise?
- Onesiphorus refreshed and encouraged Paul, while others like Phygelus and Hermogenes abandoned him. Who are the people in your life that refresh you? And who are you currently refreshing?
- Paul talks about "guarding the good deposit." Do you see Jesus as someone to guard and treasure in your life, or more like a backup plan? How do you know?
- Which of the three (Suffering, Service, or the Spirit) feels most valuable to you? Which one feels the hardest to commit to right now?

Take Home 1: Suffering is not a defeat for the Gospel, but is an opportunity to reveal its power (Rom. 5:3-4, Phil. 3:10, 2 Cor. 4:17, Gal. 6:2)

- How does your view of suffering compare to what Scripture says about it?
- Which of these passages speaks most personally to you right now, and why?
- When you've suffered, have you seen it draw you closer to Jesus or push you away from Him?
- Can you think of a time when God used your suffering to help someone else?

Take Home 2: We need to rediscover the beauty of Christian service

- Are you actively engaged in service for the Lord? Why or why not?
- What do you think holds most people back from serving?
- When you think of "Christian service," does it feel like a duty or a delight? Why?
- A Lifeway study says only about 30% of Christians actually serve in church. Does this statistic surprise you? Does this challenge you?
- Is there someone you know who models a joyful heart for serving? What sets them apart?

Take Home 3: We need to reclaim the power and work of the Holy Spirit (2 Tim. 1:14)

- What do you think about or believe when talking about the Holy Spirit?
- Would you consider yourself a spirit-led person? Why or why not?
- What would it look like for you to invite the Spirit to guide your decisions this week?