

Discussion Questions

- 1. Read 2 Timothy 1:8-2:7.
- 2. What was going on with Paul when he wrote this letter? Take a look at verse 8.
- 3. Why is Paul writing to Timothy, according to verse 8? What is he asking him to do?
- 4. What situations in your life are you facing or have you faced that make it hard to stand firm with Christ?
- 5. How is Paul asking Timothy to join in suffering? What will give him the ability to do it?
- 6. Verses 9-12 spell out how the power of God is shown in the gospel. What are some of the elements of the gospel as seen in these verses that really give you hope and encouragement to stand firm when things are hard?
- 7. Read verse 12 again. It says that God "is able to guard that which I have entrusted to him." What have you entrusted to him?
- 8. The Greek behind this phrase probably also means that God is able to guard that which He has entrusted to us. What has God entrusted to us as Christians?
- 9. Do you have this kind of confidence in God? Why are you confident? Or why do you think you struggle?
- 10. How would a discipleship relationship like the one Paul has with Timothy help you to have confidence in this truth? How has it helped you?
- 11. Read verses 13-14 again. In these verses, who is commanded the deposit entrusted to us? Why would this be true if verse 12 is true?
- 12. What does it mean to guard the deposit entrusted to us? How could we fail to do so?
- 13. How could you be more diligent to guard the deposit of the gospel entrusted to you?

- 14. How would a discipleship relationship like the one Paul has with Timothy help you to guard the deposit of the gospel that God has entrusted to you? How has it helped you?
- 15. Read 2:1-2 again. What are we commanded to do with the deposit in these verses?
- 16. Do you have a discipleship relationship like this where you are entrusting the deposit of the gospel to someone younger in the faith? If not, why not?
- 17. What do verses 3-7 have to do with this?
- 18. Pray together that you will stand firm in the gospel, trusting that God will guard the deposit of the gospel entrusted to you, that you will guard it, and that you will be diligent to entrust it to others. Pray for God to show you who you can disciple and be discipled by.