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PENTECOSTAL CHURCH

Connect Group Sermon Aligned Notes

Sermon Title: 2 Timothy Sermon Series – Part 1
Key Scripture: 2 Timothy Chapter 1
Recorded Sermon: www.woodvale.ca/pastservices/2-timothy-series
Date + Speaker: February 4, 2024; Pastor Mark Scarr

The BIG IDEA (the suggested 'take away' for this study derived from the sermon): We must be confident, effective and intentional in passing the [spiritual] baton to the next generation.

Starter Question:
1. The Summer Olympics will be held in Paris this year. Some of the most thrilling sports highlighted are the track events. (Pastor Mark enjoys watching the 4x100 Men's Relay as it has high stakes, and the race can be won or lost in the passing of the baton.)

Which Olympic sport is your favourite and why?

Discussion Questions to Review (observation):
2. Read 2 Timothy 1:1&2 What information do you glean about the author (Paul) and the recipient (Timothy)? How might knowing that this was Paul's final letter, from prison during a period of intense persecution affect the way you read this letter?

3. Who might Timothy represent, and why is this important?

Discussion Questions for Digging Deeper (interpretation and application):
4. Read 2 Timothy 1:3-5 What is your response when people are discussing 'godly heritage' and why? What might your walk with Christ mean for future generations?

5. Read 2 Timothy 1:6&7 How do you respond to statements like "An unused gift = an unmet need" or "All hands on deck!" in the context of church life and why? How can one 'stir up' a gift within yourself or another?

6. Read 2 Timothy 1:13&14 What 'good' teaching might be distracting you from reading God's Word? Why is this even problematic?

7. Read 2 Timothy 1:15-18 For members not called into fulltime vocational ministry how does this passage encourage you? Share about your workplace – fellow employees, work culture, relationship with upper management – What are the ways the group members can be praying for one another? How else might those believers in the workplace be supported? E.g. of local support for those Christians in the workplace: https://onewayministries.ca/workplace-network/

Additional Prayer Point: Pray that the 'ceiling' of your generation's kingdom work would be the 'floor' of the next generation's kingdom work.

Tips for leaders:

Question 3: Perhaps a member will share that Timothy represents the next generation. If not, that's okay, validate responses and then offer this as a possible response before continuing.

Question 4: Various group members may not have a godly heritage. Take time to encourage one another with personal stories or by recounting Pastor Mark's family history. It's never to late.

Question 6: If needed take some time to examine WHY people may feel pressured or frustrated be these statements. Ultimately though you want to get practical – sharing ways to 'stir up' pre-existing gifts within the body of Christ.