

## Questions/Discovery Points for Life Groups/Families

### Please read 2 Timothy 4:1-8

1. What are all of the imperatives that Paul includes in Timothy's ministry?
2. In what ways has your thinking been less than "sober" in the past? How did you come to know, and what did you change as a result?
3. What is the gospel? Who have you shared it with this week? Month? Year? Who initially shared it with you?
4. How does sharing the gospel invite suffering?
5. Do you know of anyone who has quit their race? Why did they do it? How can you be sure you won't? What are some safeguards that scripture sets up to help us persevere?
6. Are you currently "fulfilling your ministry"? Why or why not? What do you need to effectively do it?
7. Have you ever discipled anyone? If not, why not? For those of you who have, take some time to share examples of what it looks like (successes and failures).

## Discipleship Opportunities

### Plan and Promise (Year 1)

Beginning on Sunday morning, January 3, both first and second service, we will begin teaching through the entirety of the Bible in a four-year window (see chart on other side). This class will be primarily taught by the elders. We will begin this first year by looking at the "Story of God's People". This foundational section will trace the storyline of God's people from Adam to Abraham to the establishment of the nation of Israel and then culminated in the New Testament Church. For those of you who cannot attend it on Sunday, it will also be the curriculum used on Wednesday nights in our men's and women's studies. A devotional guide will be available the end of December to help you stay in the Word and prepare you for the teaching.

### Fellows

The LifePoint Fellows program is an intensive discipleship track that exists to provide a framework aimed at equipping mature believers for ministry, both corporately and in their individual lives and families. It is a 36-week program (Sept.-May) that takes students through topics from church history to systematic theology to hermeneutics to worldview and the life of the church. It is a literature-oriented curriculum with an expected investment of 3-5 hours of reading a week followed by a 90-minute class on Wednesday evenings from 6:30 -8:00 p.m. If this is something that interests you please contact the church office or Pastor Nate directly. *Space is limited and fills up quickly.*

### Electives

Periodically there will be opportunities for training of newer believers in our *Fundamentals Classes* and other special interests from apologetics to Pastor Tony's *Evangelism Training* to other topical studies. Keep your eyes open for these opportunities throughout the year.

## Rooted

The Goal of Discipleship  
2 Timothy 4:1-8  
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## Discipleship: training in Christ-likeness.

- I. **Paul's Exhortation** (4:1-5)...*Fulfill your ministry* (4:5)
  - Preach the Word at all times (4:2).
  - Patiently reprove, rebuke and exhort (4:2).
  - Be sober-minded...think clearly and don't be drunk on the world (4:5).
  - Endure suffering...there is opposition to preaching God's Word (4:3-4).
  - Evangelize...proclaim Christ crucified (4:5).
- II. **Paul's Example** (4:6-7)...*He has fulfilled his ministry*
  - He has poured himself out.
  - He has fought the good fight.
  - He has finished the race.
  - He has kept the Faith.
- III. **Paul's Expectation** (4:8)...*The Coming Christ*
  - The prize is before him.
  - The fight was worth it.
  - The fatigue was worth it.
- III. **Conclusion: Perseverance is the goal of Discipleship!**
  - Timothy is contrasted with Demas (4:10) who didn't finish.
  - Timothy is to commit himself to God's Word (3:12-17) as a foundation to fulfilling his ministry.
  - Timothy is to long for Christ as the prize for his ministry.

**Know:** The Christian life is hard, faces opposition, and will include elements of suffering.

**Do:** Devote yourself to God's Word, set your sights on Christ and fulfill your ministry. Find someone to teach and train you that you might be able to encourage others to finish their race too. Keep pursuing Christ!

## Plan and Promise

Year 1 (13 / 386)	<b>1. The Origins of Israel (117)</b> Genesis, Exodus, and Leviticus  <div>Intro to Biblical Literature I</div> <i>God and Man</i>	<b>2. The Formation of Israel (115)</b> Numbers, Deuteronomy, Joshua, and Judges   <i>The People of God</i>	<b>3. The Rise &amp; Fall of Israel (102)</b> 1-2 Samuel and 1-2 Kings  <div>Intro to Biblical Literature II</div> <i>The Davidic Covenant</i>	<b>4. The Early Church (52)</b> Luke and Acts   <i>The New Covenant and Prophetic fulfillment in Christ</i>
Year 2 (19 / 330)	<b>5. Pre-Exilic Prophets (47)</b> Jonah, Hosea, Amos, Micah, Joel, Obadiah, Nahum, Habakkuk, and Zephaniah  <div>OT Literature I</div> <i>Theology of Worship, Redemption, &amp; Responsibility</i>	<b>6. Songs &amp; Wisdom of Israel (181)</b> Psalms and Proverbs   <i>Worship and Wisdom</i>	<b>7. The Synoptic Gospels (68)</b> Matthew, Mark, and Luke  <div>NT Literature I</div> <i>The Person and Work of Jesus</i>	<b>8. Pauline Literature I: The Missionary Epistles (34)</b> Galatians, 1-2 Thessalonians, and 1-2 Corinthians   <i>Soteriology and Eschatology</i>
Year 3 (17 / 218)	<b>9. Post-Exilic Literature (108)</b> Haggai, Zechariah, Malachi, 1-2 Chronicles, Ezra, and Nehemiah  <div>OT Literature II</div> <i>Obedience and Hope</i>	<b>10. Theology of Isaiah (66)</b> Isaiah   <i>The Messiah as the suffering servant</i>	<b>11. Doctrine and Practice (16)</b> Romans  <div>NT Literature II</div> <i>Sanctification and Faith</i>	<b>12. Pauline Literature II: The Prison and Pastoral Epistles (28)</b> Ephesians, Colossians, Philemon, Philippians, 1-2 Timothy, and Titus   <i>Christology and Ecclesiology</i>
Year 4 (18 / 270)	<b>13. Exilic Theology (117)</b> Jeremiah, Lamentations, Daniel, and Ezekiel  <div>OT Literature III</div> <i>Judgment and Promise: An Exilic Vision of Hope</i>	<b>14. Literature of Ancient Israel (76)</b> Ruth, Job, Ecclesiastes, Song of Songs, and Esther   <i>Suffering and Redemption</i>	<b>15. The General Epistles (27)</b> Hebrews, James, 1-2 Peter, and Jude  <div>NT Literature III</div> <i>Faithfulness and Perseverance</i>	<b>16. A Johannine Theology (50)</b> John, 1-3 John, and Revelation   <i>Inaugurated Eschatology</i>