

Community group questions
2 Timothy 2:8-13

Opening question: Is there something as a kid you wished you stuck with rather than quit and/or something you are glad you didn't quit?

Scripture study

- Read 2 Timothy 2:8. How does Paul summarize the gospel? What is the significance of "remembering" to our spiritual journey? How do you center your thoughts on Jesus when going through tough times? See also Hebrews 12:1-2.
- Read 2 Timothy 2:9. In what way is God's word not chained? How does embracing that help you to endure? How can Paul's example inspire you in times you feel stuck?
- Read 2 Timothy 2:10. What does this teach us about the trials that come into our lives? Share a time when you were able to help someone else by what you went through yourself or when someone else's experience helped you. Read 2 Corinthians 1:3-7 for other insights for how God uses the pain in our lives.
- Read 2 Timothy 2:11-13. How do these verses provide motivation to endure? How is Peter an example of a denial that is different than what is spoken of here (see Matthew 26:68-75)? Why is God's faithfulness our anchor for salvation and encouragement for our journey?

For further thought: What gains have you seen in your life because of pain? What has endurance done for your faith that if you quit you might have missed? What present situation you are in that requires endurance?