

Community group questions
2 Timothy 4:9-22

Opening question: You are given the opportunity to speak to an auditorium filled with high school kids on the topic of relationships. You aren't given any restrictions except it be under 3 minutes. What would be included in your speech?

Scripture study: Read 2 Timothy 4:9-22

- What stands out to you about these verses (other than there are some hard to pronounce names)? How do you see here the vulnerability of Paul? Who have been some people in your pit crew over the years and what were their contributions to your life? What would be some things you would want to be remembered for by others?
- In 4:9 & 22, what is Paul's request and what does this say about Paul and Timothy? What else do we know of Timothy (1:3-5; 3:14-15)? What does a simple mention of Luke in verse 11 say about him (see also Colossians 4:14)?
- What is said of Demas in 4:10? What else do we know of Demas (Colossians 4:14 & Philemon 24)? How is this verse a warning to us? What makes it so difficult to get beyond a fallout in a relationship and how can you keep it from souring you?
- Read Acts 15:36-41 for the backstory to Paul's mention of Mark in verse 11. What does this say about Mark, Barnabas, and Paul? How have you seen a mending of a relationship either personally or in someone close to you?
- What do we learn about Paul from verses 14-18? How can we apply Paul's response to handling difficult people and situations? In what particular situation can you praise the Lord for His strength, presence, and rescue?