

GROWTH GUIDE

For you. Your family. Your group.

ANCIENT PATHS: THE SPIRITUAL DISCIPLINE OF GROWING

2 TIMOTHY 1:6-14

FOR THE WEEK OF FEB 7, 2021

SERMON OUTLINE

Big Idea: For a disciple of Jesus, spiritual growth is not optional.

1. Fan into flame the gift of God. 2 Timothy 1:6-7
2. Share in suffering for the Gospel. 2 Timothy 1:8-12
3. Follow the pattern of sound words. 2 Timothy 1:13
4. Guard the good deposit entrusted to you. 2 Timothy 1:14

REVIEW THE PASSAGE

How did Timothy come to faith in Jesus? Share briefly who shared the Gospel with you. What is the main concern that Paul is addressing with Timothy in this section of his letter?

What is the primary motivation for Paul to endure suffering? This is a common theme for Paul in his letters. Where else does he point to a similar motivation? What other “run-on” sentences can you find where Paul is passionate about the work of Jesus in his life?

ASSESS YOUR LIFE

How would you describe the flame of the gift of God in your life right now? Dwindling, roaring, steady, growing, diminishing, etc.? The spiritual disciplines are God’s grace to fan that flame. What is one or two disciplines that you can use to stoke the fire and fan the flame?

The warning to follow sound doctrine is clear. We are “taught” from many different sources. Where are you learning from right now? Are there any areas where you need caution in the doctrine you are allowing to impact you? By what standard are we to test if doctrine is sound or not? Are you doing that and are there sources your small group can help you examine?

APPLY THE TRUTH

Spiritual growth is not a quick process. As you look back on your life, what situations or people has God used to have the greatest impact in your life? How is God growing you right now? How can you participate more fully with him in that process (Phil 2:12-13)?

For the group: Review your group’s prayer list. Spend time praying over these things, adding to the list, and reviewing any answers given. How has God begun to answer your group’s prayers?