

The Final Rescue

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Life Lessons from Paul's Last Will and Testament
The Book of Second Timothy

Functional Question: How can a follower of Jesus confidently await their final rescue from this world without regret or remorse?

- I. By Retaining an Unaltered Standard for Living
- II. By Radiating the Treasure of Redemption
- III. By Engaging in a Ministry of Multiplication
- IV. By Facing Perilous Times with Confident Power
- V. By Knowing the Baton Has Been Passed

Conclusion/Challenge

Where do you find yourself on the river of Rescue?

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Life Group Discussion Questions – May 23, 2021

2 Timothy 1:7 *For God has not given us a spirit of timidity, but of power and love and discipline.*

DISCOVER

1. What makes Paul's second letter to Timothy different than the other epistles he authored?
2. What can we learn about Timothy from the fact Paul called him his "beloved son"? Why did Paul call him this?
3. During Paul's first Roman imprisonment, he was under house arrest. What passages in 2 Timothy can you note that his second imprisonment was more severe? What was his mood in this letter as a result?

EXPLORE

1. As Paul was nearing his death, his heart to disciple Timothy (and others) was magnified and he wanted to reproduce himself. With Paul's imminent martyrdom as context, discuss the pros and cons of this idea of self-reproduction. Read 2 Timothy 1:15-16. What can we learn from these different reactions?
2. What are sound words? How can you also retain the standard of sound words?
3. What does it mean to spread the gospel through multiplication?
4. Read 2 Timothy 3:1-5. What does the phrase "having the appearance of godliness, but denying its power" mean? What does it mean to avoid these types of people? If we see them on the street, should we turn away from them?

EXPERIENCE

1. How can you aim for multiplication and not addition? What can we do to follow this principle in our own lives? Can you start to disciple others? What things hold you back?
2. Regarding 2 Timothy 3:7, how can someone always be learning but never come to the knowledge of the truth? Describe a time when this was evident in your life.
3. Our actions, words, and even thoughts will be judged by God. When are you most prone to choose temporary pleasure or gratification? In what setting do you tend to have an eternal perspective?

PRAY/ACTION

Pray... Re-read 2 Timothy 3:1-7. Looking over this list on your own, which of these sins do you struggle with the most? Ask God for His help, be available to Him, confess to Him and repent.

Action... What is one way you can show a deeper respect or love for Scripture?