



SDG Discussion Guide

2 Timothy 4:6-21

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For starters:

Have your parents written a will? Have you written one? Why or why not?

If you “left home without it,” what would be the first thing you would ask someone to send?

Interaction with the text: (The following questions are meant to provide points of further interaction with the respective sermon text. Feel free to forward the questions to your small group members ahead of the respective Sunday. Group members may also find these questions in print on that Sunday.)

As you can, read aloud the passage in your group. Provided you can, read it aloud a second time but from a different Bible translation (eg, read from the ESV after first reading from the NIV). Before you begin your discussion, pray and ask God to speak to your group. Notice, what may God be highlighting for your discussion and learning?

Now that you have read the text together, what points and questions arose? Spend plenty of time in your group to address these. What else did you notice? Explore and see how God may steer the discussion. The following are further questions for interaction.

1. In the climax of this letter at verses 6-8, how does the apostle sum up his life and ministry?
2. How has this small group, or someone in the group been a blessing to you?
3. What do you learn about Paul in these personal remarks? How does it make you feel to know Paul probably experienced the range of human emotion and challenge just like yourself?
4. Paul names over a dozen people here. Why do you think he gets so personal?
5. What is one thing Paul is certain the Lord will do for him in the future (v 18)? How does Paul's faith and hope inspire you (if at all)?
6. Do you share Paul's hope for the future? How does it motivate you now (if at all)?
7. How do Paul's words challenge your life? How are you in relation to “fighting the good fight”?
8. How does this Scripture challenge you in your life (if at all)?
9. Who are some people who have ministered to you or with you in the past? Why not try to contact them and to thank them again, or, for the first time?
10. What do you most want to apply to your life from this passage?

Spend some time in prayer. Ask the Holy Spirit to usher you further into his presence. Ask God to provide you prayers to pray on behalf of each other -- to thank each other for what God has done through then and the group. Pray thanksgiving, renewal and blessing upon each other as you are led. Go forth this week both reminded and encouraged that God uses us to make a difference in the lives of each other.

*These questions were adapted from *The Serendipity Bible for Groups* (Zondervan, 1998).