

2 Timothy 2:1-13

Memory Verse: 2 Timothy 2:2 The things which you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses, entrust these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also.

Begin your Bible study with prayer, confessing any sins you know of, thanking the Lord for the gift of His Word and asking the Holy Spirit to guide your study.

Read 2 Timothy 2:1-13

1. In verse 1, Paul says, “Therefore...be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus”. What is the “therefore” there for? Look back at chapter 1, what are some things that Paul said that would encourage Timothy to be strong in the Lord?

Insight: In Matthew 28:18-20, Jesus gave the great commission, “And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” The Greek term for “disciple” in the New Testament, “mathetes”, refers generally to a student or apprentice but in the ancient world, it came to mean much more. A disciple is a devoted follower, someone who adheres completely to the teachings of another, making them his rule of life and conduct. A disciple of Christ is a person who accepts and assists in the spreading of the good news of the Gospel. In this week’s memory verse, we see Paul encourage Timothy to disciple others.

2. What principles for “discipleship” can you derive from 2 Tim 2:2-6?

3. In addition to the examples of *teacher, soldier, athlete and farmer*, who else does Paul point Timothy to for an example? What evidence of God’s strength does he mention? v. 8

4. Why is Paul willing to endure such severe suffering? v.8-10

5. Verse 11 says, “if we died with Him we will also live with Him”. Read Romans 6:4-8. How do these verses give you insight into what Paul is saying here?

6. Verse 12 says we will reign with Him. Read Rev 20:4-6, what do you learn about reigning with Christ?

7. The word used for deny in verse 12 means to absolutely reject or renounce, as opposed to the temporary failure of a sincere follower of Christ. How does this encourage you?

8. Read the following verses and write down what you learn about God’s faithfulness.

- Deut 7:9

- 1 Cor 1:8-9

- 1 John 1:9

Application: After praying for conviction and insight, consider the following: Have you ever not shared the gospel out of fear, self-consciousness or busyness? What practical steps can you take this week to overcome this and begin faithfully sharing the gospel?

End your study by thanking the Lord for what you have learned this week, ask Him to help you apply the truths you have learned.

For further study: In verse 1, Paul refers to “grace”. Using the resources you have available (your Bible, dictionary, Bible dictionary, concordance, etc) do a word study on grace. Write down what you learn.