

Taking it Home

- How does Paul's confidence in God's retributive judgment in 2 Timothy 4:14 serve to encourage you? See also Romans 2:6; 2 Corinthians 5:10. Why is this an important thought in the life of every Christian?

- Pray and ask God to show you how He has used you, is using you and how he may use you again for His Kingdom work. Allow these questions to help you identify names of specific people.
 - Who have you invested in that is closer to Jesus because of your influence (past)?
 - Currently, who are you investing in (present)?
 - Who are some people you could invest in (future)?

- "The goal of our legacy is not friendship, but discipleship." Do you agree or disagree with this statement? Why?

- After eight weeks of studying 2 Timothy, where do you sense God asking you to trust Him and obey Him in this season of your life?

Live the Legacy You Want to Leave
Names and Nails
2 Timothy 4:9-22

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Notes:

At Home Study Guide

For the week of November 22, 2015

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Quick Review

Paul's summary thoughts at the end of 2 Timothy include a lot of names. Wherever Paul was, he made friends and got to know the people in the community. Paul knew many people and many knew Paul. In his final letter to Pastor Timothy, those names represented people who had served with Paul, people who had deserted Paul, people who had encouraged Paul, people who had ministered with and to Paul for years. When we think of Mark we remember how Paul didn't care much for Mark at one point in Acts but now we see they are trusted ministry partners in Kingdom work. When we think of Demas we remember that at one time he was a trusted team mate and now we see the love of the world has captured his attention and he left Paul. Some of the names listed in 2 Timothy 4 are familiar. Some are only listed here. Each name represents a person whom Paul cared enough about to share the story of Jesus' life given for them. Some responded with love for God, others with love for the world. Through it all, Paul remained faithful to share the good news of Jesus.

My Story

- What surprised you or stood out to you most from the message on Sunday?

- Why did your parents name you with your name? What does it mean and why is your name significant?

- What kind of reputation do you have in the community? Do people think of you favorably? Why or why not?

Growing Deeper

- Read 2 Timothy 4:9-22 and count the number of names Paul mentions. How many do you notice? What is the significance of all of these people he mentions?

- What do you notice in Philemon 24 and Colossians 4:14 about Luke and Demas?

- Acts 15:37-40 tells of a time of great conflict for Barnabas, Paul and Mark. How is this contrasted with Philemon 24; 2 Timothy 4:9-22; and 1 Peter 5:13?

- Isaiah 43 tells of how God's people are known by His name. As one who has trusted Christ as your Savior, why is His name so important to your identity?

- Consider the profound truth of John 10:14, Jesus knows His own and His own know Him. Allow Psalm 139 to encourage you that there is no part of your life that Jesus does not know. Remember 1 John 2:1-2 that you have an Advocate before the Father. In your own words, why do these truths matter today?