



Journey Group Lesson for “Final Words to Finish Well” May 23, 2010

Getting Started (Everyone Answer)

How often do you think about your own death?

If you had the opportunity to choose, what do you think your parting words would be? What would you like for them to be?

What do you think you would be thinking about as you passed from this life?

Digging Deeper

Read 2 Timothy 4:1-8. What in these verses gives us a hint that Paul’s life is nearing an end? What do you think was going through his mind during this time? What are his “last words” (see verse 2)? How do these words compare with Jesus’ last words (Matthew 28:18-20)? What does this tell us about the importance of sharing our faith?

In the New Testament, every follower is given the responsibility of “preaching” or sharing his or her faith. One lady was asked what she did for a living. She replied, “I’m a missionary . . . cleverly disguised as a grocery store clerk.” What do you think about this statement? In what ways do you see your role at work as being a “missionary”? How could you be a better witness in your work place?

What do verse 3 and 4 say about the condition of people who need to hear about Jesus in Timothy’s day? How are people similar today? What are some myths people believe about Jesus today? How can this discourage you as you try to share your faith?

What is Paul’s encouragement to Timothy in verse 5? How can “keeping your head” and “enduring hardship” help you when you get discouraged when sharing your faith?

What motivation for sharing our faith do we find in verse 8? How often do you think about Jesus’ return? Do you long for his appearing? Why or why not? What friends, co-workers, neighbors, and family members of yours are not prepared for His return?

Bringing It Home

God has put people in your life (at your work, your school, your neighborhood, and in your family) who are waiting to hear the good news about Jesus. You are God’s plan to share His love with these people. There is no plan B.

Share a name or two of people in your life who need to hear about Jesus. Pray together in your small group for those people and for opportunities to share your faith.

Homework - “Digging Deeper” worksheet.