

## Reflection and Discussion

Sermon Series      **Hold On!**  
Sermon Title      Guard the Gospel  
Bible Texts      2 Timothy 1:13-18  
Date      January 22, 2023

### CONNECT - Getting to know one another

- Question 1: Have you been in a situation where you were entrusted to do something very important that required your full attention? Share your experience.
- Question 2: Describe a time when a fellow Christian encouraged you in a special way.

### EQUIP - Understanding God's word

- Question 3: In your own words how would you express what Paul was saying to Timothy in v. 13-14?
- Question 4: Why do we need "faith and love in Christ Jesus" to be effective in ministry?
- Question 5: What does it mean to guard something? What is Timothy being asked to guard?
- Question 6: How does the Holy Spirit help Timothy and us guard the truth? Consider passages like John 16:12-15 and Acts 1:8.
- Question 7: What was Paul's command in his farewell address to the elders at the church of Ephesus? (Acts 20:31) How is that similar to his charge to Timothy, the pastor in Ephesus?
- Question 8: Was Paul surprised that Phygelus and Hermogenes deserted him? How do you think this may have happened? (Acts 20:29-30)
- Question 9: What attitude gave Paul the strength to hold on in the face of abandonment and prison? (Acts 20:24) How would that attitude help Timothy preach the Gospel?
- Question 10: Paul uses Onesiphorus as an example for us. What did he do and what are we to learn from his example?
- Question 11: In Revelation 2:1-7, we read a brief letter that John wrote to the church in Ephesus some years later. In what ways had Timothy been effective in accomplishing what Paul had charged him with?

### DISCIPLESHIP - Becoming and doing

- Question 12: What are some of the challenges you face in trying to hold on to your faith in Christ? How does this passage encourage you?
- Question 13: What steps could we take that will help us stay faithful to sound teaching? What is the connection between study and obedience?