



Shelby Christian Church

FOLLOWING JESUS: ENCOURAGEMENT FOR GRADUATES

2 TIMOTHY 1:1-7 * 5/17/2026

As the church we need to help our graduates remain steadfast in their faith as they pursue the call of God in their lives.

What is one thing you know now that you wished you had known when you graduated from high school?

What would it have meant for you for someone to have invested in you and helped you through the transition from high school to college, or from college/post-graduate work to the working world?

Graduation is an amazing time of transition for students. Whether they are going to college, the

HAVE A VOLUNTEER READ 2 TIMOTHY 1:1-7

From verses 1-2, what sort of relationship did Paul and Timothy have?

Have you ever had a parental love for someone who is not your physical descendent? Have you ever been on the receiving end of that kind of love from a “spiritual parent”? How do those kinds of relationships form?

Have you been an active presence in any of the current graduates' lives? How can that continue as they move on?

In verse 5, Paul affirms Timothy's “sincere faith.” What characterizes a sincere faith? Describe the elements of faith that you consider essential for the next generation (including the current graduates) to understand.

What are some things we can do to remind ourselves to take an active role in the faith journeys of our family members and friends?

Read Acts 16:1 and 2 Timothy 3:14-17. What additional information do we learn about Timothy's spiritual upbringing from these texts?

Take a few moments to think back through the communities of faith of which you've been a part. In those experiences, was faith passed down to a new generation?

Why is it important to affirm the spiritual gifts and callings of your loved ones? What impact does this have on their lives and their faith? How can you affirm one of the upcoming graduates before he or she moves on from our congregation?

APPLICATION

What will you do to encourage the current crop of graduates as well as their families?

How can we as a community send these young men and women off well?

How can we help them to understand the calling in their lives to make disciples and spread God's glory to the places God is calling them?

PRAYER