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2 Timothy 2:1-7

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Running the Race of Faith

Week 03

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Guidance for Gospel Ministry

Introduction & Review *(2 Timothy 1:6, 8, 13, 14; Ephesians 4:11-12)*

1. The _____ for Gospel Ministry *(2 Timothy 2:1; Ephesians 2:8-9; 1 Corinthians 15:10; John 1:14, 16)*

2. The _____ for Gospel Ministry *(2 Timothy 2:2, 1:12-14; Luke 24:27; Matthew 28:18-20)*

3. The _____ of Gospel Ministry *(2 Timothy 2:3-7; 1 Peter 5:4; 1 Corinthians 15:58)*

A. The _____ _____ Soldier *(2 Timothy 2:3-4, 1:8; Matthew 16:24; 1 Peter 2:21, 4:12-13)*

B. The _____ Athlete *(2 Timothy 2:5; Matthew 22:37-40)*

C. The _____ Farmer *(2 Timothy 2:6; Proverbs 14:23; Acts 20:35)*

Discussion Questions (2 Timothy 2:1-7)

1. Review 2 Timothy chapter one. What challenges does Paul give Timothy? *(2 Timothy 1:6, 8, 13-14)* What is gospel ministry and how do these challenges relate to it? Who do these and other ministry challenges apply to? *(Ephesians 4:11-12)*

2. How are believers (those who are in Christ) strengthened to engage in gospel ministry? *(2 Timothy 2:1; 1 Corinthians 15:10; John 1:14-16)* The command to "be strengthened" is passive (done for you not by you), therefore, what must a believer do to receive strength for gospel ministry? Describe a time when you were "strengthened by the grace that is in Christ Jesus".

3. How does 2 Timothy 2:2 describe the strategy for gospel ministry? How does this relate to the strategy given by Jesus in the great commission? *(Matthew 28:18-20)* How have you engaged in this strategy in the past or present? How do you plan to engage in this strategy in the future?

4. What can cause people (including you) to be ashamed? *(Genesis 2:25, 3:7-8; 2 Timothy 1:7-8)* Why might Timothy have been tempted to be ashamed of Paul and "the testimony of the Lord"? Why is this a major problem? *(Acts 1:8)* How does our culture seek to shame Christians, especially those who proclaim the true gospel of Jesus Christ? Have you ever been tempted to be ashamed of the Gospel?

5. What do each of the three symbols Paul uses teach us about both the difficulties and rewards of gospel ministry?
   A. The Solider: *(2 Timothy 2:3-4, 1:8; Matthew 16:24; 1 Peter 2:21; 1 Peter 4:12-13)*
   B. The Athlete: *(2 Timothy 2:5; Matthew 22:37-40)*
   C. The Farmer: *(2 Timothy 2:6; Proverbs 14:23; Acts 20:35)*

6. What understanding about gospel ministry has the Lord given you? *(2 Timothy 2:7)* What is God calling you to do about engaging in gospel ministry?