

**Finish Line Faith: A Study of 2 Timothy**  
**Sermon-Based Discussion Questions**  
**June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

**ICE BREAKER QUESTIONS:**

What was your favorite summertime activity as a kid?

When did you feel most fulfilled and alive this last week?

Of all the things you do on a daily, weekly, or monthly basis, which make you feel most fruitful and fulfilled?

**FINISH LINE FAITH – Fan Into Flame**

Living a life of faith as you follow Jesus can be tough. Have you ever felt like quitting? Timothy did. Timothy was in trouble, under fire and overwhelmed. So, the Apostle Paul picks up his pen while in prison and writes Timothy a letter. It would be the last letter Paul wrote and he issues one charge: DON'T QUIT! God doesn't remove hardship from our lives. He provides the wisdom needed to overcome hardship. Join us this Summer as we read Timothy's mail that God has forwarded on to us in The Bible that He can use to develop a Finish Line Faith in you.

**READ: 2 Timothy 1:1-7**

What general observations can you make about this passage?

Paul always writes for a reason/purpose. What clues might be in this section about why he is writing Timothy?

In verse 5 Paul refers to Timothy's faith family tree, or how faith lived in his family and was passed on through the family. What is your "faith family tree" like? What impact did your family have on your faith? Who has impacted your faith the most (family, friends, small group leader, teacher, friend, etc.)?

In verse 6 Paul tells Timothy to "fan into flame the gift of God". What is it that you need to "fan into flame"? How will you do that?

Paul tells Timothy to "fan into flame the gift of God." What do you think your spiritual gifts are? *(If your group knows each other well, use this opportunity to have them tell each other what gifts they see in each other)*

In verse 7 Paul challenges Timothy not to be TIMID (probably an issue for Timothy). Where is an area you are tempted to be TIMID in your faith?

**TAKING IT HOME:**

What are the specific actions Paul challenges Timothy to take in 2 Timothy 1:1-7?

What are the specific actions might God be challenging YOU to take in this passage? How will you apply this passage this week?

**CLOSING PRAYER:**

Ask everyone to turn their observations and applications into a personal prayer. And share how this passage will shape the way they pray this week?

Have someone close in prayer.

*\*\*\*Challenge everyone to pray for each other throughout the week.*