

GROWTH GROUP

Study Guide

A Know-So Salvation – 2 Timothy 1:8-12

My Story

1. What is something you are never ashamed to talk about (other than Jesus)? What sort of situation could you imagine that might make you hesitant to want to talk about it?

Digging Deeper

2. What pressures might pull at Timothy to be ashamed of the Gospel or of Paul (v.8)? Why is being ashamed of Paul so closely associated to being ashamed of the Gospel?
3. Why is suffering for the Gospel presented as something to embrace rather than avoid (vv.8+12)? How might we share in suffering for the Gospel in our present context and culture?

4. How would Paul's reminding Timothy of the content of the Gospel (vv.9-10) help Timothy not to be ashamed? Why is Paul so confident that God will guard what has been entrusted to Him (v.12)?

Reflection

5. Is it possible for a Christian to shy away from identifying with other believers publicly, while still being bold for Christ? Why or why not? Why might a modern Christian be tempted to be timid toward testifying about Jesus?
6. Have you ever had to suffer for the sake of your faith? What was that like and to what degree were you prepared for it? What have you learned about the cost of following Jesus?

SERMON NOTES

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Taking the Next Step

Reflect on a specific time you felt hesitant or unprepared to share about your faith in Christ. Sit down and list out 3-5 ideas for how you could better respond if you ever found yourself in the same situation.

Praises / Prayer Requests

