

GROWTH GROUP

Study Guide

What Does Faithful Living Look Like? – 2 Timothy 1:13-18

My Story

1. What physical traits have you inherited from your father's side of the family? Your mother's?

Digging Deeper

2. What sorts of things do you think would be included in "the standard of sound words"? What sorts of things *wouldn't* make the list? Why do you think Paul connects truth with both faith and love in Christ Jesus?
3. How can Christians guard the Gospel message without becoming harsh or defensive? Why is the Holy Spirit essential in protecting and preserving truth?

4. Why do you think Paul was so deeply affected by the actions of those who abandoned him? How might the example of Onesiphorus have been an encouragement to Timothy (cf. v.8)?

Reflection

5. How can modern day Christians "retain the standard of sound words" or "hold on to the pattern of sound teaching"? How can we identify and resist false teachings that may arise within the church today?
6. Why might some believers turn their backs on other Christians experiencing suffering like Paul? Who has been a mentor in your spiritual growth and development, and how did they help you grow?

SERMON NOTES

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Taking the Next Step

The example of Onesiphorus challenges us to be people who refresh and strengthen others. Commit to taking one intentional step this week to serve or encourage someone in Jesus' name.

Praises / Prayer Requests

