

## Rekindle

Finish Well. 2 Timothy 4:1-8

### PREPARE

**Read 2 Samuel 23:1-4**

*These are the last words of David:*

*“The inspired utterance of David son of Jesse,  
the utterance of the man exalted by the Most High,  
the man anointed by the God of Jacob,  
the hero of Israel’s songs:*

*<sup>2</sup> “The Spirit of the Lord spoke through me;  
his word was on my tongue.*

*<sup>3</sup> The God of Israel spoke,  
the Rock of Israel said to me:  
‘When one rules over people in righteousness,  
when he rules in the fear of God,*

*<sup>4</sup> he is like the light of morning at sunrise  
on a cloudless morning,  
like the brightness after rain  
that brings grass from the earth.’*

- As David looks back over his life what are his observations?

### REFLECT

In your core group, briefly discuss one of these three questions. Break into triads if necessary.

1. How have you experienced the blessing of God in these past few weeks?
2. What burdens, worries, or anxieties have you been carrying and would appreciate prayer for?
3. What’s a next step looking forward that you are excited about, fearful about, or uncertain about and want to step out in faith and need prayer support for?

### STUDY

**Read 2 Timothy 4:1-8**

In verses 1-5 Paul encourages Timothy to “Preach the Word”

- What instructions does Paul give Timothy to help him preach the Word?
- How can we be “prepared in season and out of season”?
- How interesting that almost 2,000 years ago there were teachers saying what “itching ears want to hear”. Why do you think this is such a universal experience?

In verses 6-8 Paul understands that the time for his death is approaching and looks back on his life with great satisfaction.

- What character qualities do we need in order to “fight the good fight, finish the race and keep the faith”?

Read the following scriptures which speak to finishing well...

- Acts 20:22-24
- 1 Corinthians 9:24-27
- James 1:12
- Philippians 3:12-14
- What are the obstacles in our life which make it difficult to finish well?

## RESPONSE

- What situations do you find yourself in where you can “Preach the Word”? What do you need to do to be prepared for those opportunities?
- When it is all said and done... what would you like to be able to say about how you have lived your life? What would you hope those closest to you would say?
- Remember the assignments: (1) Read the book of 2 Timothy once a week. (2) Connect with one person from Baseline each week just to check in. (3) Take time each day to listen for the Holy Spirit asking you: “Who are you? And, what are you doing here?”

Close in Prayer: List prayer requests here.