

Women's Bible Study

A Spiritual Legacy

Remember Jesus: 2 Timothy 2:8-13

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Intensive Study Questions

1. Read II Timothy 1:1-2:13. What seems to be Paul's main message(s) so far in this letter?
2. Read 2:8-13 again. What words or phrases do you see in these verses that you've seen already in II Timothy?
3. Verse 8 starts, "Remember Jesus Christ." What are some other things the Scriptures say we are to remember? Why do you think Paul says this? Is Timothy really in danger of forgetting Jesus?
4. What two phrases describe "Jesus Christ" in verse 8? What is the significance of these phrases?
5. Write a definition of the "gospel." Be sure to include Scripture to support your definition.
6. Read verse 10. What does Paul mean by enduring everything for the sake of the elect? What is the role of suffering in the Christian life? In evangelism? Who are "the elect"? What does Paul's endurance have to do with obtaining salvation for the elect? If God chooses some to be saved, why bother presenting the gospel?
7. Look at verse 11. What other "trustworthy sayings" can you find in the New Testament?

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Discussion Questions

1. Paul talks about preaching the gospel in 2:8. What is the gospel? As a group, decide what would be the most important elements in a definition of the gospel.

2. What are some purposes of suffering for Christians? Look up "suffering" in your Bible concordance to help you.

3. Share with your group ways in which you've seen that the Word of God is "not bound" (verse 9).

4. Read some of the other "trustworthy sayings" in the pastoral letters. Do they have anything in common? (I Tim. 1:15; 3:1; 4:9; Titus 3:7-8)