



## COMMUNITY GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Generations | "Faithful to the End" | 2 Tim. 4:1-8 | Pastor Mike McKinney

Monday, Feb. 16 - Sunday, Feb. 22 (Week 6)

*In Pastor Mike's message about generations and faithful ministry, he explores Paul's final charge to Timothy to preach God's Word and finish well. Drawing from 2 Timothy 4, he emphasizes how true biblical preaching must boldly reprove sin, rebuke wrongdoing, and exhort believers, all while maintaining complete patience in teaching. The sermon reaches its emotional peak when Pastor Mike challenges the listener to consider their readiness to meet Jesus, asking whether they would feel excitement or panic if given 30 minutes notice. Through vivid examples of faithful leaders like Tim Keller who finished well, Mike compellingly illustrates that Jesus died not just to save us from hell, but to be our closest friend both now and for eternity.*

**QUESTION #1** - Paul gives Timothy a charge to "preach the word" with four specific actions: reprove, rebuke, exhort, and teach with patience (v. 2). Which of these four do you find most challenging to receive from a sermon or from other believers? Why?

**QUESTION #2** - Paul warns about people with "itching ears" who accumulate teachers to suit their own passions (v. 3-4). In what areas of your life are you most tempted to seek out voices that tell you what you want to hear rather than what you need to hear?

**QUESTION #3** - Paul tells Timothy to "endure suffering" and "always be sober-minded" (v. 5). The sermon described this as having a "high pain tolerance" being able to receive criticism, handle disappointment, and stay faithful when hurt. On a scale of 1-10, how would you rate your current "pain tolerance" in your walk with Christ? What recent situation tested this?

**QUESTION #4** - The sermon asked a challenging question: "If you knew you were going to die in the next 30 minutes, would you be excited to meet Jesus, or would you panic and feel like you needed to get things in order first?" Be honest, how would you answer that question right now?

**QUESTION #5** - Paul describes his life as "being poured out as a drink offering" (v. 6) allowing God to use him completely for the sake of others coming to faith. In what specific area of your life is God asking you to be "poured out" right now? (This could be in your family, workplace, neighborhood, church, etc...)

