

Sermon Discussion Questions

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Coastal Christian | A Message for the Christian in Crisis | 2 Timothy 1:11-18 | Pastor Matt Stokes

1. Read 2 Timothy 1:11-18. We all love divine appointments. But Paul talks about being appointed in particular ways that actually caused him to suffer. What looks like a special calling in verse 11 is actually the cause of his pain in verse 12. Are there any roles, responsibilities, or positions you have/had that have caused you pain, or even long-term suffering? How have/are you, handling that? What is the Apostle Paul's way of handling his suffering?
2. In verse 13 we are told to hold fast to sound words. And in verse 14 we are told to keep this "good thing" that was committed (given) unto us. What kind of practical, tangible, real action are you taking to "hold fast" & "keep" to the truth of scripture? The gospel? The message of salvation? What do you think Paul means when he says to do this "by the Holy Spirit, which dwells in us"?
3. So, even though the apostle Paul had an extraordinary ministry, he was still very much alone in this season of his life as he writes this book. How does that make you feel when you read Paul's words? Have you ever experienced abandonment? Betrayal? Neglect? Was there anyone in your life like Onesiphorus? Have you ever been an Onesiphorus to someone else? Have you chosen someone to whom you were going to show kindness this week? How is that going?
4. Paul said that the truth that was known very well about Onesiphorus was that he was very much a minister to Paul. What truth do you want others to know, very well, about you? What practical steps can you take, in this season of your life, to cause this vision to become a reality?