

# SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE / FEBRUARY 11

## TO APPLY, NOT REHASH, THE SERMON

### Read

Read 2 Timothy 1:8–18 and consider making some observations about the passage.

### Sermon Recap

Review the sermon with your group, highlighting the following:

- "Unashamed courage in the face of suffering can only happen when we understand the power the gospel has infused into our lives through the Spirit."
- "Courageous faith—unashamed faith—is a faith that's confident in Christ because it knows whom it has believed. And whom it has believed is the God who saves and calls."
- "The most courageous, unashamed, and free you will ever be is when you realize death is already dead."
- "Our strength is in the Holy Spirit who lives inside of us."

### Group Discussion

1. How does fear impact our faith, and how can we combat fear with the truths found in 2 Timothy 1:8–18?
2. How have you experienced the power of the gospel giving you courage in difficult circumstances? Share a time when you felt empowered by the Holy Spirit in the face of fear.
3. Paul talks about suffering for the gospel. In what ways might we be called to suffer for our faith, and how can we prepare ourselves for this?
4. Discuss the importance of having spiritual mentors like Paul was to Timothy. Do you have a Paul or Timothy in your life? How has that relationship influenced your faith journey?

### CHALLENGE

- Identify one area in your life where you want to demonstrate more courage and make a plan to address it this week, drawing inspiration from 2 Timothy 1.

### PRAYER

- Ask God to infuse our hearts with courage and strength that comes from the Holy Spirit, especially when we face fear, persecution, or challenges in our faith journey.
- Pray for the establishment and deepening of Paul-Timothy relationships within our church, where experienced believers mentor newer ones, fostering growth, accountability, and unashamed witness to our faith.