

### **Making Application from the Message to Life:**

5. Paul's encouragement to Timothy is timely for our day, for in our world it can be difficult to stay motivated and to press forward on the foundation of the gospel. In what areas of your life are you most tempted to take your eyes off eternity and get drawn into worldliness? What can be done to change that?

6. Can you think of an example of what happens when someone drifts from sound doctrine into unhealthy teaching and living? How can we keep from being swayed in the same ways?

7. How does a right understanding of God's character, His Word, and the gospel help us in this process? How can we ensure that we are passing this solid foundation along to others even as we are building upon it ourselves?

## **Passing a Gospel-Shaped Baton**

### **2 Timothy 4:1-5**

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A father's final words to his son...

#### **1. Preach the gospel (v. 1-2)**

✧ Maintain the right perspective

✧ The "word" ... (John 1:1-5)

#### **2. Know the gospel (v. 2)**

✧ Be prepared in mind and heart

✧ In all situations... (1 Peter 3:15)

### 3. Apply the gospel (v. 2)

✧ Use the right tools (2 Timothy 3:16-17)

✧ Confidence in Christ (Titus 2:11-15)

### 4. Pursue the gospel (v. 3-5)

✧ The distractions of the world (Romans 1:18ff)

✧ “But you...”

### **Message-Based Discussion Questions**

1. What do you remember as the most meaningful “parting words” you’ve ever received from someone?

### **Digging Deeper:**

2. Paul’s “parting words” to Timothy include a bold charge in 2 Timothy 4:1-5, the text from Sunday’s message. Read the passage together: what stands out about Paul’s exhortation?

3. What are motivating factors that Paul gives for pursuing Christ, the gospel, and the truth of Scripture in all manners of life and service? How do those examples compare to other passages of Scripture that motivate us to serve the Lord?

4. In Joshua 1:1-9, God gives the newly-appointed leader of His people (Joshua) an exhortation that is in many ways similar to Paul’s charge to Timothy. Read the passage, and then discuss how God’s words and promises could further motivate and equip someone to pursue Him.