

PAUL TO A "T" 2 TIMOTHY 4:6-22

Pray and ask God to help you to know Him better as you study His Word.

Read the Bible passage (preferably without using commentaries).

Begin to answer the questions using your own words.

Questions are based on New International Version (NIV) 1984 edition.

Lesson 25 • 2 Timothy 4:6-22 • May 2, 2012

1. What truth, verse or insight from last week's study of **2 Timothy 3:10- 4:5** has been helpful to you?

SECTION I: Read 2 Timothy 4:6-8

2. a) What is Paul's current condition according to **V6**?
- b) Read **Numbers 28:1-7** about the daily sacrifices the Lord required of the Israelites. What do you think Paul is saying with the analogy of his life to a drink offering?
- c) To what does Paul's departure refer? Paul speaks of this departure in **Philippians 1:21-23** as well.
3. a) In **V7**, how does Paul see his life as he reflects on it? (Try to put the three illustrations in your own words.)
- b) What is in store for Paul, and from whom does he expect to receive this prize according to **V8**? Who else will receive it?
- c) Read **1 Corinthians 9:24-25**. Why is the prize waiting for Paul so different from other prizes?
4. When you are near your departure, what would you like to be able to say about how you finished the course of your life?

SECTION II: Read 2 Timothy 4:9-22

5. a) In **V9, 11, and 13**, what does Paul ask Timothy to do?

5. b) What has become of Demas (**V10**)? What was Paul's prior experience with Demas as recorded in **Colossians 4:14** and **Philemon 24**?
- c) Who was the only one who remained with Paul (**V11**)?
6. a) Reflect on a time when you have deserted a fellow worker in ministry, perhaps due to some version of loving the world (**V10**). Why did you leave?
- b) Maybe you have been deserted by a co-worker in ministry. How did you respond?
7. a) In **V11**, who does Paul request be brought to him and why?
- b) What was the history of the relationship between Paul and Mark in **Acts 15:36-41**? Why do you think Paul's attitude toward him had changed?
8. a) Of whom does Paul warn in **V14-15**, and why?
- b) Contrast the consequences of Alexander's opposition (**V14**) with the consequences to those who deserted Paul (**V16**). How do you account for the difference?
9. Who stood by Paul's side according to **V17**, and for what purpose was he strengthened?
10. Since Paul knew his death was imminent, how could he say that the Lord would rescue him and bring him safely to his heavenly Kingdom? (**V16-18**)

11. If you knew your death was imminent, what would you say in your last letter to someone you loved dearly? What would you emphasize, and what warnings or final instructions might you give?

12. Spend some time bringing before God the names of men and women who have stood by you, thanking Him for their ministry and praying for their specific needs, if you know them. You may also want to spend some time forgiving those who have deserted you in your times of need.

DIGGING DEEPER

In **V16-18**, Paul described a challenging situation where he felt completely alone during a literal trial, yet he was strengthened by the Lord's presence.

1. Read **1 Samuel 30:1-6**, and compare how David experienced something similar.

2. a) What do you learn from the following verses?

Deuteronomy 31:6 _____

Joshua 1:5 _____

Matthew 28:20b _____

b) Write a truth drawing from Paul's and David's experiences, along with the three verses.

3. Identify a similar current (or past) challenging situation in your own life. How does the truth you discovered in Question 2b above cheer you on?

