

Curriculum



SAMPLE

2 Timothy: Guard the Gospel

Our Foundation
Our Christ
Our Adoption
Our Suffering
Our Holiness
Our Faithlessness
Our Faithfulness
Our Legacy

A sample study from the 2 Timothy volume begins on the following page.

**LEARN: Overview**

Biblical Business Training (“BBT”) equips people to grow in the grace and knowledge of Jesus Christ and empowers leaders in a small-group Bible study setting to apply Biblical principles at work. Our mission is [Faith for Work](#) – and our vision is [Leadership for Life!](#)

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**Curriculum: The BBT 1-2-3™ Format**

BBT curriculum is rooted in Scripture and applicable the day you study it. The *BBT 1-2-3™* format enables the group to have a consistent Biblical basis for discussion.



Agenda – Introduces applicable Biblical principles



Group Leader Guide – Facilitates discussion and allows for shared leadership



Recap – Encourages community and application

**LIVE: Sample 2 Timothy**

Paul attempts to leave his legacy for Timothy by pulling together the wisdom of a lifetime of service to God in this powerful, personal letter. What would you like to be said about your life at the end? What are you doing now to help that happen? The nuggets contained in this book were forged in the crucible of life-threatening experiences, but they point to the hope that belongs to all of us in Christ. The volume includes 8 lessons:

1. **Our Foundation**
 2. **Our Christ**
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Long Obedience

In the Mamertine Prison in Rome, we see the genuine article. This prison was a damp hole in the ground that the prisoner reached by a rope or ladder. There was a constant stench of no restrooms, no running water, no furniture, and no cloak to stay warm. Paul's friends on the outside were experiencing persecution and the allure of false teaching, while he sat on the floor of this horrid, filthy place and wrote to the church at Ephesus and to Timothy. He had labored for 30 or so years. He had established relatively small churches, scattered here and there in major cities. There were no relatives trying to see him, few friends, no interviews with the Associated Press, and no lucrative book deals. Yet we don't read of a self-absorbed man resenting his circumstances. We see a person who knew what he was about. We see a clear expectation. We see what Eugene Peterson calls "a long obedience in the same direction."

Legacy for the Lord

What would you like to be said about your life at the end? What are you doing now to help that happen?

Legacy emphasizes the expectation that you should be developing other leaders, not just followers. Did you know BBT was created for this very purpose? BBT is focused on increasing your spiritual growth in Jesus Christ in order that you would in turn equip and encourage other spiritual leaders, leaving a Legacy for the Lord. This, as Jesus asks us to do in Matthew 28:19 saying, "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit."

Even though Paul was facing imminent death, present suffering, and problems outside and inside the church, he still had hope. They might remove his head in death, but Christ will crown it in victory. We all have this same hope in Christ!



LIVE

Discussion questions: Read the text and scriptures below and prepare to answer the questions.

1. Read Acts 20:17-38. What do these verses reveal about Paul's character and how he was able to leave a Legacy for the Lord?
2. Read 2 Timothy 4:6-7, Ephesians 6:12, and 2 Timothy 1:14. What is this fight and how do you finish and keep the faith?
3. Read 2 Timothy 4:8. What is the prize we are to keep our eye on?
4. Read 2 Timothy 4:9-18. What stands out to you in these verses? Can you identify Paul's strengths and weaknesses?
5. Read 2 Timothy 4:19-22 and Acts 1:8. What did the gospel cost Paul and why was it so important?

Application Question: What are the areas where you can leave a legacy for Christ in your workplace?



PRAYERS

Prayer Requests & Closing Prayer



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Opening Prayer & Prayer Requests



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Before you begin, read the AGENDA LEARN introduction together and review the APPLICATION QUESTION from the previous meeting's RECAP.



LIVE

Discussion Questions: Have someone read each Bible verse aloud and then ask the corresponding question. Be sure everyone has enough time to find the Scripture before the verse is read.

- 1) Read Acts 20:17-38. What do these verses reveal about Paul's character and how he was able to leave a Legacy for the Lord?**



Paul lived a gospel-oriented, grace-satisfied life – not by his own power, but that enabled him to live and love the way he did.



Paul was humble, and he understood grace – acceptance without resentment, forgiveness without condemnation, and pardon without probation. He was a bridge-builder who discovered ways to be kind and help others know what it is to repent and believe in the Lord Jesus Christ. We should be building bridges in our neighborhoods, with work associates and with family members – everywhere we go, everywhere we are. Paul wants us to grow and enjoy the depth of the gospel in order to reveal it to others, as he did, for God's glory. It means life now with God and immortality with Christ forever.

Notes:

- 2) Read 2 Timothy 4:6-7, Ephesians 6:12, and 2 Timothy 1:14. What is this fight and how do you finish and keep the faith?**



Per Paul there is a fight that is good, that is worth fighting and that can be won by being at peace with God.



“These who are not ‘flesh-and-blood enemies’ are demons over whom the devil has control. They are not mere fantasies – they are very real. We face a powerful army whose goal is to defeat Christ's church. When we believe in Christ, these beings become our enemies, and they try every device to turn us away from Him and back to sin. Although we are assured of victory, we must engage in the struggle until Christ returns, because Satan is constantly battling against all who are on the Lord's side. We need supernatural power to defeat Satan, and God has provided this by giving us His Holy Spirit within us and His armor surrounding us. If you feel discouraged, remember Jesus' words to Peter: ‘Upon this rock I will build my church, and all the powers of hell will not conquer it.’ (Matthew 16:18).”¹

¹ Holy Bible, New Living Translation “Parallel Study Bible”, Ephesians 6:12

Notes:

3) **Read 2 Timothy 4:8. What is the prize we are to keep our eye on?**



Our prize is meeting the Lord.



This relationship which is born out of sheer, utter, complete grace is culminated by being face to face with Jesus. Even as we call Him righteous and just, there is a sense of grace and confidence. Jesus already did the dying for us, so your death means immortality and reward. His death means His righteousness is given to you, so God declares you forgiven and as righteous as Christ. A future day brings perspective to the present.

Notes:

4) **Read 2 Timothy 4:9-18. What stands out to you in these verses? Can you identify Paul's strengths and weaknesses?**



Paul continues to encourage Timothy and while lonely, and seeking worthy support, he is staying centered on God.



The question is not whether or not Paul will die – he just hasn't been put to death yet. He fully expects to die. Our lives are in God's hands, and no one who is evil or does evil can take away our assurance that Christ rules in us and will bring us safely home. This is a wonderful statement from one who fully expects to be executed, "To Him be the glory forever and ever." One of the things we see in Paul, Timothy and the church is that we have a different center when we live with Christ. We find meaning when we see that the greatest splendor is God himself.



For further discussion, read Matthew 28:18-20. What is Jesus' promise to us that Paul was likely clinging to and hoping he had made clear to those who heard him?

Notes:

5) **Read 2 Timothy 4:19-22 and Acts 1:8. What did the gospel cost Paul and why was it so important?**



The gospel cost Paul everything, yet he remains confident. Why? Because he was called, as we are to receive the power of the Holy Spirit and be witnesses for the Lord.



By grace we participate in what God is doing. We come to Christ and His Cross and believingly repent, enter into new life under Christ's sovereign reign, and then the fun really begins. We have the privilege of seeing His kingdom reign in our own lives, and we get to participate in building bridges, so others can see Jesus' kingdom too. Now that is how you leave a Legacy for the Lord!



Notes:

Application Question: What are the areas where you can leave a legacy for Christ in your workplace?



PRAYERS

Prayer Requests & Closing Prayer



LEAD

Ask Yourself: What about the Gospel inspires me to endure hardship and opposition?

PLEASE NOTE: This is the final study for this volume of curriculum. There is a link to a brief survey from BBT on the Recap. Please be sure to take it and encourage your participants to do so as well. Thank you.



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Paul didn't just preach the Gospel, he let it infuse him, giving up his own glory to receive a godly character that allowed him to live the Gospel. He fights the good fight, the only fight worth fighting: the fight to hold on to the Gospel. The prize to be won in this fight by far outweighs all of Paul's hardships and suffering.

Scripture references for this study: 1 Timothy 1:14, 2 Timothy 4:6-22, Acts 20:17-38, Ephesians 6:12 & Acts 1:8



LIVE

- The legacy of our character
- The legacy of our conflict
- The legacy of our cross

Application Question: What are the areas where you can leave a legacy for Christ in your workplace?



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