



Adult and Teen Life Groups Conferencing Guide

SERMON DATE: 07/22/2018
DISCUSSION DATE: 07/29/2018
TEXT: 2 TIMOTHY 1:1-11

“If you’ve been doing ministry for any significant amount of time, no doubt at one time or another you’ve felt a lack of joy or a lack of passion for ministry.”

I. SPIRITUAL RENEWAL KEEPS US FROM BEING ASHAMED OF THE GOSPEL.

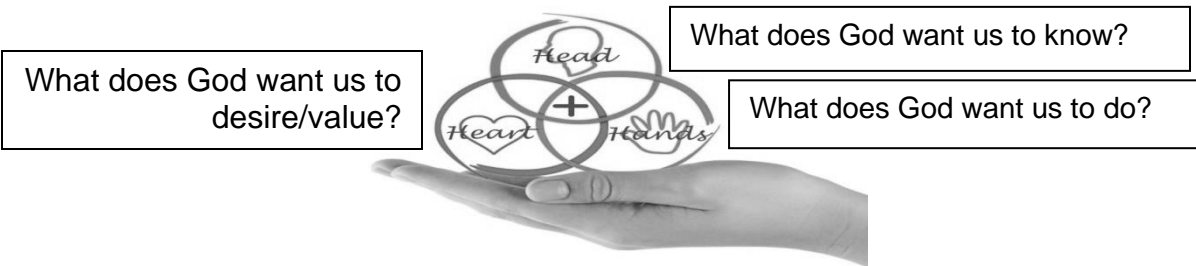
- A. Spiritual Renewal takes place as we FAN into a FLAME God’s gift to us,

- B. Spiritual Renewal takes place when we humbly depend on the Spirit of God dwelling in us.

- C. Spiritual Renewal takes place when we embrace suffering for the gospel as a good gift from God.

- D. Spiritual Renewal takes place when we Remember our Calling.

ASK GOD FOR WISDOM TO APPLY HIS WORD IN OUR DAILY LIVES



1. Why do we struggle with spiritual complacency? What are some of the primary causes?
2. Review our Memory Verses Psalm 19:7-8. How can our souls be refreshed/revitalized? What bring joy to our hearts?
3. **Read 2 Timothy 1:1-11.** Look up verse 6 in multiple translations. What was Paul instructing Timothy to do and why was it needed?
4. **Read 2 Timothy 1:8, 12, 16.** What instruction is repeated three times? Why is this repetition necessary? What primary instruction from the Lord gets ignored when we are ashamed?
5. **Read 2 Timothy 1:6; 1 Corinthians 12:11; Romans 12:6; 1 Thessalonians 5:19.** When and how are spiritual gifts received? Who distributes them and on what basis? What is our obligation when it comes to our gifts? How do we keep the flame for ministry hot in our lives? What are we doing and what more should we be doing?
6. **Read 1 Thessalonians 5:19.** What happens when we fail to serve the Lord fervently? How do believers “quench” the Spirit’s ministry in our lives?
7. **Read 2 Timothy 1:7; Ephesians 3:16; Romans 5:5.** Why should the fear of man not keep us from sharing the Gospel? What are the character traits of the Holy Spirit are highlighted and how is that meant to help us be fervent and fearless? How should we be praying for another in light of these texts?
8. **Read Hebrews 6:1, 3.** Why is humble dependency necessary for spiritual renewal? What does that look like in our lives?
9. **Read 2 Timothy 1:8; Philippians 1:27-29; Matthew 5:11.** Why do we view all suffering as bad? Is it all bad? What perspective does Paul want us to have toward suffering for the Gospel/Christ? Where does such a perspective come from and how do we guard it?
10. **Read 2 Timothy 1:9-11.** How does remembering our calling help us combat spiritual complacency? What kind of life have believers been called to live? How is such a life possible in a fallen and corrupt world?
11. Why does Paul take the time to remind us about the glorious and gracious nature of the Gospel here? How do we know if we really believe that the Gospel is worthy of our suffering?
12. What did Jesus make known through the incarnation? What has Jesus abolished through the Gospel? How do these truths help us be unashamed? What have all of us been called to teach others?