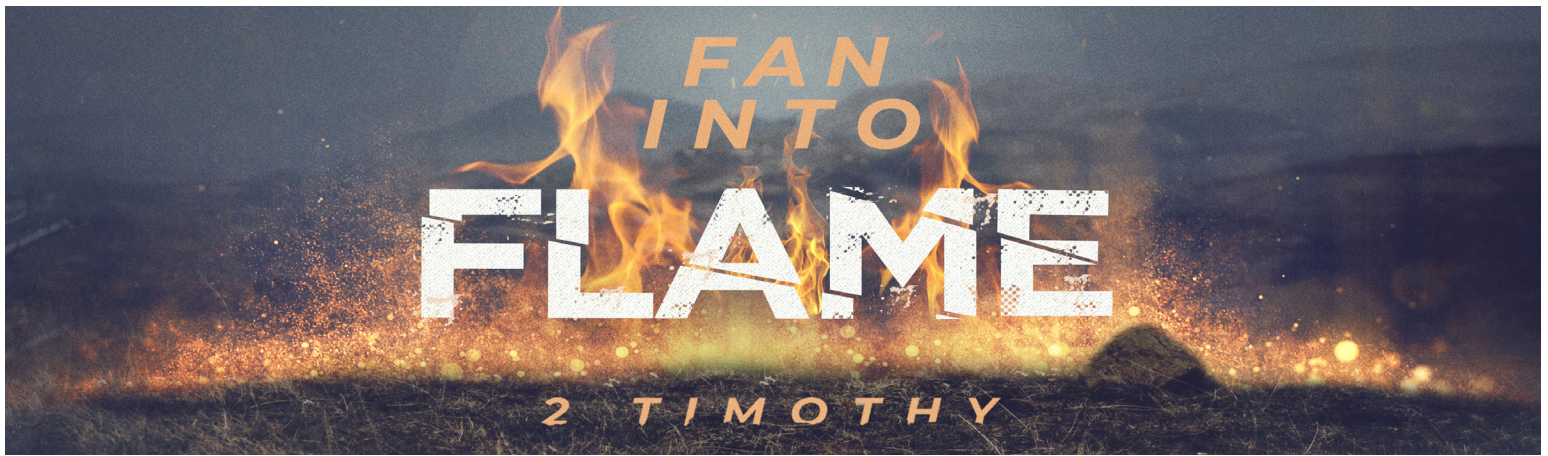




DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

On Fire

2 Timothy 2:8-22

1. Read **2 Timothy 2:8-10** - Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, descended from David. This is my gospel, ⁹ for which I am suffering even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But God's word is not chained. ¹⁰ Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, that they too may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory. What is one concept or thought that immediately catches your eye as you read this scripture?

In what ways does this scripture speak to relevant issues in your life today?

2. Our study of 2 Timothy is focused on Fanning into Flame — rekindling our passion for God and the things of God. Remembering and reflecting on Jesus is one of the ways that our excitement, motivation, and passion for the things of God can be rekindled. **Hebrews 12:2-3** - ² **fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.** ³ **Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.** This passage in Hebrews highlights how we keep from growing weary and losing heart. Again, the answer is to fix our eyes on Jesus. Tell the story of a time when you recognized how important it is in your life to focus on the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus.

What do you think it means to fix your eyes on Jesus? What are some of the ways that you consciously attempt to focus on and remember Jesus in your daily life? Be honest - does doing this rekindle your passion?

3. This week we studied one of the most well-known verses from the book of 2 Timothy. **2 Timothy 2:15 - Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth.** As you take a moment to consider this verse, what immediately stands out to you? When you think about your faith in Christ, you might think of yourself as a worshiper, or a follower, but in this verse Paul focuses on our role as workers in God's Kingdom. Tell the story of a time in your life when you knew you were working for God.

What was that like? How did it affect you to know that God had given you a specific mission and you were fulfilling that for His Glory?

What do you think it means to be a worker who is not ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth? What is your current work in the Kingdom? OR What should you be doing for the Kingdom?

4. Read **2 Timothy 2:20-22 - In a large house there are articles not only of gold and silver, but also of wood and clay; some are for special purposes and some for common use.** ²¹ **Those who cleanse themselves from the latter will be instruments for special purposes, made holy, useful to the Master and prepared to do any good work.** What do you think is the main point of these verses?

The large house represents the Church. Inside the Church we have a very important choice to make. If we prepare ourselves, and as verse 21 indicates, cleanse or purify ourselves, we are given a special purpose. How do you think you might prepare yourself to accomplish more of the purpose that God has for your life? Answering this question fully may require you to think about both your own attitudes and actions.

Verse 21 uses the phrase **“those who cleanse themselves.”** Another translation says, **“those who purify themselves”**. We know that we are cleansed and purified only by the blood of Christ. So, what do you think it means when Paul uses the phrase purify or cleanse themselves?

Tell the story of a time when you, with God's help, endeavored to purify some things in your life.

5. As you think back over these questions, what is one thought, idea, or biblical principle that you will take away from this study? For you, what was the most important thing discussed? What is your next step of obedience to what God has shown you?