

“Guard the Truth Even in Tough Times” | Endurance

GETTING STARTED: Describe what you think of when you hear the words, “Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.” What images come to mind? If you have been to the site, describe what you saw, felt and heard.

EXPLORE THE TOPIC

1. What service would you consider to be your highest honor? What is something in your life that is so valuable that you would give your life to protecting it?
2. Read 2 Timothy 1:13-14. What elements of personal discipleship appear in just these two verses? What specific challenge does Paul offer to Timothy? How can Timothy practically live out that challenge?
3. What is the “good deposit” that Paul speaks of in 2 Timothy 1:14? When have you seen someone live that out and “guard the good deposit” that was entrusted to them?
4. Paul speaks of personal price in 2 Timothy 1:15. When have you experienced paying a personal price by living out the good news of Jesus. This might range anywhere from ridicule, rejection, physical persecution or even embarrassment.
5. Summarize how 2 Timothy 2:1-2 links relationship and discipleship. With whom did the relationship start? How did it continue? How does it continue today?
6. Matthew 10 details the time when Jesus sent out the 12 disciples. What encouragement/caution would

the disciples have felt considering Jesus’ words in verse 16-20?

7. How do the following portraits help us understand what it means to guard the truth of scripture in our lives:
 - Soldier (2 Timothy 2:3-4)
 - Athlete (2 Timothy 2:5, 3:12)
 - Farmer (2 Timothy 2:6)

APPLY THE TRUTH

South Side’s mission is to “guide everyday people into a Christ-following family.” We strive to accomplish this by living out the following aspects of the life of a disciple-maker: Encounter God, Engage the Community, Entrust the Truth, and Encourage the Church Family. The concept for the third element comes directly from 2 Timothy 2:2. .

PRAYER

*O Lord - You are the light that guides my feet.
You are the map that gives me direction.
You are the peace that makes me strong.
You are the leader whom I faithfully follow.*

*May your light illuminate my life
And your guidance bring direction.
May I find inspiration in your word
To guard the truth even in tough times. - Amen*

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