

Bible Class 2 Tim. 2:1-13

1. What does it mean for Timothy to be strengthened by the grace in Christ Jesus? Is this another general encouragement or is Paul specifically telling Timothy something?
2. Why does Paul focus on suffering? Does being a Christian always come with suffering? Are there faithful Christians who live comfortable, pain-free lives?
3. What are some other places in the Bible where this idea of suffering for the gospel of Jesus is central?
4. The phrase “share in suffering” is used in chapter 1 too. In both chapters 1 and 2, Paul gives a reason that Timothy is capable of suffering for the gospel: what is the reason? Does it apply to us today?
5. What does verse 4-6 mean? Paul compares Timothy to a soldier, an athlete, and a farmer: what is the point of these comparisons and what is Paul trying to get across to Timothy?
6. In verse 7, Paul tells Timothy to think over what he is saying in his letters because the Lord will give him understanding in everything. Do we have the same hope?
7. In verse 8, Paul tells Timothy to remember Jesus Christ, who is risen from the dead. In what way do we remember Jesus? What do we remember about him? Why does it matter for us?
8. In 2 Timothy, Paul tells Timothy to “share in suffering”. The share part of this instruction is very important: the letter up to this point is all about how valuable Timothy (and Onesiphorus) are to Paul because he is not alone in his journey to follow Jesus. What are some other texts in the Bible that emphasize the importance of togetherness?
9. What can we do better in the 21st century church to “share” in suffering? What does it mean for us to love our neighbor (specifically, each other) as ourselves?
10. What does it mean to reign with Jesus?
11. Verses 11-13 reads like a hymn: what does it have in common with the hymns we sing? What is different about it?