

WHEN THE LORD STANDS WITH US

2 TIMOTHY 4:16-22

GETTING STARTED

• Talk about a time in your life when you felt alone or lost. What were the circumstances around that time? Maybe it's now?

SCRIPTURE STUDY

Before you begin: Open with prayer and spend a minute or two in silence before God. Have multiple people ask the Holy Spirit to enter your time together and illuminate your hearts and minds to scripture.

- Have someone read the passage in its entirety aloud. As a group, summarize the passage, and as you do so, note any observations, questions, and exciting insights you found while reading through the text. What jumped out at you? What was something you noticed now that you didn't see before?
- Paul describes that the Lord stood with him and strengthened him when he was deserted during his trial. While we weren't there to witness the event, What did he mean by that?
 - Why did he include, "I was rescued from the lion's mouth." What did he mean by that?
- Paul talks about God rescuing him from every evil deed. Plenty of evil events have happened to us in our lives where we feel like maybe God wasn't there...Paul's writing this in jail and later ends up being killed. How do you think he can say these things confidently?

WRAPPING UP

• Talk about a time when you felt God was "standing with you" maybe it's right now. How can you encourage each other in hard seasons and remind each other that the Lord Stands with us when things are tough?