

THE CALLING OF GOD FOR LIFEE

2 TIMOTHY 1:8-12

GETTING STARTED

• Discuss together: what is the difference between a career/vocation? Should they always be separate? Overlap? The same?

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?
- What does it mean to share in the suffering of the Gospel? (Is it more than just "persecution?") Flesh that out together.
- Why do you think Paul says what he does in verse 9 to why we suffer for the Gospel?
- It's easy for Christians to understand how we can be ashamed of the gospel in the world? Can we be ashamed of it in the church?

WRAPPING UP

 How might we discipline our lives not to be ashamed of the Gospel? What does this look like in our parenting? Our jobs? Friendships? What does it look like even to ourselves?