

Message Notes

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Message Outline

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I. What does College Ministry take?

A. Passing the baton (v. 2)

B. Hard Work (vv. 3-7)

C. God's Grace (v. 1)

II. Why go to the trouble?

A. Godly examples (vv. 8-9)

B. Reaching the Nations (v. 10)

C. God's faithfulness (vv. 11-13)

III. Where do we go from here?

A. The Leavening effect

B. Development of leaders

C. Missional living

Growth Group Understanding Questions

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1. Read 2 Timothy 2:1-13 again. Look for words like “be strong,” “entrust,” “suffer hardship,” “endure,” and “faithful.” What is Paul’s tone to Timothy here? What type of character and life is required for the transmission of the Gospel from one generation to another?
2. What basis does this text give for being able to live out the quality of life and character it takes to transmit the Gospel? (Hint: review vv. 1, 8, 10, 13)
3. 2 Timothy 2:4-7 gives us three examples of what it means to suffer hardship—to give ourselves for the transmission of the Gospel at any price—compare and contrast these examples. Is he saying the same thing three different ways? What’s the cost of endurance? What’s the reward of endurance?
4. Why does Paul summarize his Gospel as “Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, descendant of David”? v. 8 What’s he saying here about Jesus’ identity, life, death, work on the cross, etc.? Why is this such a good example to us? (Hint: the answer *isn’t* “because it’s Jesus!”) ☺ Why does Paul exhort us to remember this?
5. Vv. 11-13 draws a set of contrasts between faithful endurance and abandoning our calling. How do these verses encourage us toward faithful endurance? How does Grace’s 75th Anniversary—and 75 years of faithful college ministry—illustrate the major theme of these verses?

Growth Group Application Questions

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1. What was the most encouraging or challenging thing about our message/text this week? What was new?
2. If you were a part of Grace College group (or any for that matter!) at some point in its history, share something God taught you during that time of your life. Swap stories! How are you living out those lessons today?
3. Pastor Steve shared stories of some who’ve given themselves to college students in the past. Whose story stuck with you the most? What about their story struck you? How can the examples of Christ, Paul and real live people from Grace prompt you to invest in others?
4. One brutal reality of Grace College ministry is that it has seen some ups and downs over its long history. What are some ways 2 Timothy 2:1-13, challenges us and encourages us to endurance no matter what times we find ourselves in? How does this apply to other life circumstances we might face?
5. We talked about three main areas of our college vision for the future—the leavening effect, developing leaders and missional living. How can you personally involve yourself in these tasks, both in college students and in your own life?