

DISCUSSION GUIDE

How to Face Death

Last Letter - Week 10

ICEBREAKER: What's something for which you would seek revenge?

OVERVIEW: In 2 Timothy, we find the apostle Paul facing death. He knew that his "departure" time was close. And yet Paul faced death with faithfulness. He wasn't filled with anger, regret, bitterness, fear, confusion, or doubt. This week we are learning how we, too, can glorify God when we are faced with the news that death is near.

1. What insight, principle, or observation from this weekend's message did you find to be the most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling? Explain. (Or what was your key takeaway from Sunday's message?)
2. It's been said that you are not ready to live unless you are ready to die. Do you agree with this statement? Explain.
3. Do you think you are spiritually and mentally ready for the news that you only have a short time left to live? Explain.
4. Read 2 Timothy 4:6. Paul faced death without regret because he lived all out for Christ. What do you need to change to live all out for Christ? What do you need to change in your life to face death without regret?
5. Read 2 Timothy 4:7. What did Paul mean? Are you living now in a way that would allow you to say these words with confidence when you are nearing death? Explain.
6. Read 2 Timothy 4:8. Paul was ready for death because he was confident about his salvation? Are you sure about your salvation? Explain.
7. Read 2 Timothy 4:16. Paul was ready for death because he had forgiven those who had wronged him. Do you think you would have forgiven if you were in Paul's shoes? Explain. Is there anyone that you need to forgive (see Matthew 6:14-15; Ephesians 4:32)?
8. Read 2 Timothy 4:16-17. Paul continued to serve Christ, even on death row. How can you stay focused and energized to serve Christ, even when it looks like you may only have a short time left to live?

The Last Word: "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith." 2 Timothy 4:7