

Sermon for April 13/14, 2024



SMALL GROUPS

Share Life | Pursue God | Invest In Others

THREE THINGS TO KNOW

DON'T MISS THIS. Sometimes, in our faith journey, we hunger to dig deeper. Maybe there are things about doctrine or theology that you find confusing, and learning from an expert could fill in some gaps. This Spring, Ada Bible Church is launching a new program called **ADA BIBLE ACADEMY**. We are offering two different three-week classes starting Thursday, April 25, from 7-8:30 pm at our East Paris Campus. Learn more and sign up at adabible.org/ada-bible-academy.

GROUP VALUES. Creating a **SAFE ENVIRONMENT** involves everyone in the group, particularly when differing opinions or views exist. Take a few minutes to assess how you are doing in this area as a group. Pray that God will help your group grow or continue to be a safe environment in the coming year.

GROW AS A LEADER. The **CRAIG GROESCHEL LEADERSHIP PODCAST** offers empowering insights in about 30 minutes or less. Each episode gives easy-to-understand takeaways you can use to lead yourself and your small group. Check out his podcast [HERE](#).

SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

Welcome to the first week of our new sermon series, **REKINDLE**. This week, we consider the Apostle Paul and his deep friendship with Timothy.

ICEBREAKER

Who was one of your closest childhood friends, and what made that friendship special?

THIS WEEK'S TEXT

Have someone read 2 Timothy 1:1-8 aloud.

How does Paul describe his relationship with Timothy?

What emotions or tone do you notice in this passage?

What does Paul encourage Timothy to do and why?

THIS WEEK'S SERMON

Pastor Jeff Manion began our Rekindle sermon series by teaching the significance of the Apostle Paul's friendship with Timothy. As a group, recall some of the sermon's big ideas or main points.

In what ways do you see loneliness and lack of deep relationships being a significant issue in society today?

When have you observed deep, meaningful friendships between Christians? What did that relationship look like?

What practical ways could we be more intentional about developing deeper spiritual friendships?

How have you seen the influence of godly parents, grandparents or other older mentors impact the faith of younger believers?

How could you seek to pass on a vibrant, contagious faith to the next generation?

Where have you struggled with feelings of insecurity, frailty or lack of confidence in your faith walk?

How could you grow to recognize God's Spirit giving you courage, love and sound judgment and step out despite your feelings of inadequacy?

What is one area of your life where you need to "fan the flame" and reignite the passion and giftedness God has given you? What is a first step you could take?

Which part of the sermon encouraged or challenged you the most, and why?

WRAP UP

How can this group come alongside you this week to encourage, challenge and support you in whatever spiritual endeavor God is leading you towards?