

Sermon for April 20/21, 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. There may be things about doctrine or theology that you find confusing. 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 with this value 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 provides 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 second week of our new sermon series, **REKINDLE**. This week, we consider the Apostle Paul's teaching about continuing to embrace Jesus when Christianity isn't popular.

ICEBREAKER

What has been one of your funniest embarrassing moments?

THIS WEEK'S TEXT

Have someone read 2 Timothy 1:8-18 aloud.

What repeated words or phrases do you notice in this passage?

What does Paul encourage Timothy not to be ashamed of, and what do you think that means?

In 2 Timothy 1:12, what is the basis of the confidence that Paul expresses despite his suffering?

Based on 2 Timothy 1:15-18, what stands out about the contrasting responses Paul received from different people?

THIS WEEK'S SERMON

Pastor Jeff Manion continued our Rekindle sermon series by teaching about the necessity to continue embracing Jesus even when Christianity becomes less popular. As a group, recall some of the sermon's big ideas or main points.

What are some examples of how people today may feel "ashamed" or hesitant to openly identify as Christians?

When have you felt pressure or temptation to compromise or distance yourself from your Christian convictions due to social or cultural factors?

Who are the "Onesiphorus" figures in your life who have consistently encouraged and supported you on your faith journey (see 2 Timothy 1:14-18)?

Paul says he's able to stand firm through suffering because he knows whom he has believed (2 Timothy 1:12). What are attributes and truths about Jesus that can help us stand firm when our faith is challenged?

Which attribute or truth about Jesus do you need to remember the most this season, and why?

How have you experienced the powerful, transformative nature of the gospel message of rescue, grace and eternal life?

What practical ways can you actively "guard the treasure" of the gospel message in your heart and life?

How can we encourage each other to cultivate the kind of deep, unflinching commitment to Christ that the apostle Paul modeled, even in the face of suffering?

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

WRAP UP

What specific steps can you take this week to remain steadfast in your faith in Jesus and not desert or distance yourself from the gospel?