



Rock Bridge Small Group Discussion Guide Uncomfortable - Part 3 PARTICIPANT GUIDE

ICE BREAKER: If you left home without anything, what would be the first thing you'd ask someone to send to you? Why?

MAIN POINT: Pursuing purpose will bring pressure (problems, challenges, difficulties); dealing with pressure does not have to become my purpose but can actually further it.

Passage(s) to Read: 2 Timothy 4:9-18

Passage Summary: Paul is in a reflective mode as he nears the end of his life. He recaps some difficulties and problems that have occurred as he pursued his purpose. He does this in part it seems to prepare Timothy but he reveals the power of the gospel to be greater than the pressure that Christ is revealed no matter what = purpose fulfilled.

DISCUSSION:

1. What do verses 9 through 16 reveal about the circumstances in which Paul wrote this letter?
2. What is Paul's hope in the midst of this hardship and loneliness?
3. How does Paul echo Jesus in Gethsemane? Why be so forgiving?
4. What do you find in Paul's sense of hope (in spite of his suffering) that is a particular inspiration to you? Is there a theme verse which summarizes that point for you?
5. How do you intend to guard the gospel that has been entrusted to you? What will you pass along- to whom, and in what manner?
6. What else can we apply from the study of this passage?

STEPS OF OBEDIENCE

As an offering of worship and fellowship as a group, try bringing to the Lord all the aspects of Himself which He brings to mind in prayer. Take turns giving thanks for what God has taught you through the message this week.

PRAYER TIME

- If anyone in the group has a special prayer request, make sure that is shared with the group.