

LEGACY

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Text: 2 Tim. 4:6-8 (NIV)

Introduction:

A. Paul's legacy is defined.

1. He viewed his life as an offering (v.6)
2. His legacy has an enormous and lasting impact.

B. Paul's legacy is refined.

1. It was refined through seasons of waiting (Gal. 1:15-18, NLT)
2. It was refined through life's struggles (v. 7)

C. Paul's legacy has perspective.

1. He has a sense of urgency (vs. 6-7)
2. He built a balanced legacy between the temporal (Acts 18:3; Rom. 13:6; Acts 23:16-17) and the eternal (v. 8)
3. He kept his eternal focus.
 - On the reward (v. 8)
 - On Jesus and His return (v. 8; Heb. 12:2)
 - On his new home (Col. 3:1-3 NLT)

Conclusion:

Table Talk

Ice Breaker: How do you feel after attending a funeral service?

1. In your own words, how do you express the meaning of legacy?
2. Do you agree that all of us will leave some kind of a legacy?

Agree? Disagree? Explain.

3. Read 2 Tim. 4:6-8. Paul used three metaphors to describe his life and legacy as a follower of Christ: drink offering, a fight and departure. Which connects to you the most and why?
4. What do you think are the challenges in building an eternal legacy as people here in America?
5. What legacy do you want to leave behind?
6. How do you sustain your “eternal perspective”?