



Lives Changed by Jesus

Week Five | Timothy – Fan into Flame the Gift of God (2 Timothy 1:1-6)]

For a brief overview of why (and how) to engage in each of these practices, you can read the Guideline For Growing on our website

<https://www.gymeabaptist.org.au/growing/pages/guideline-for-growing>

OVERVIEW:

In this series we will be exploring several New Testament characters whose lives were changed by an encounter with Jesus. Over the course of the series we will dive into the transformation they experienced, the focus of their encounter, the required response, any friends who were involved, and the invitation into mission. The importance of these five aspects will vary but will be a consistent part of the discipleship menus.

As in previous “menus” there will be a variety of activities to take up. These can be done by yourself (God and You), with a couple of friends (You and a Few), or in a Life Group (You and a Crew). As with any menu, choose what resonates with you. In other words, there is no need to do all of the menu!

Just one more reminder that you can listen to the sermon that accompanies the discipleship menu - it can be found on our website or wherever you listen to podcasts. You may also want to listen to The Big Ill podcast; a mid-week podcast that explores three big questions raised by the sermon.

PASSAGES TO READ

Make 2 Timothy 1:1-6 the central reading this week. Read it aloud multiple times.

Additional texts that you may want to read and reflect on include: Mark 4:1-20; John 15:1-17; Ephesians 2:19-22; 4:1-16. As you read these, reflect on the organic imagery of the transformation that Jesus brings.

QUESTIONS TO REFLECT ON (JOURNAL)

1. What do you think are the advantages of being raised in a Christian home?
2. What might be the signs that the gift of God needs to be “fanned into flame”? What are the indicators that the fire is beginning to burn low?
3. If 2 Timothy 1:6 is the main proposition of Paul’s letter, then the commands that Paul gives Timothy form part of Paul’s answer to how Timothy can “fan into flame the gift of God” (E.g., 1:13-14; 2:2, 14-15, 22-23; 3:14-17; 4:2). Marc summarised these as “in cooperation with the Holy Spirit, to continue in what we have learned, participating in the mission of God, with God’s people.” How do you see these things contributing to fanning into flame the gift of God?
4. How has Jesus changed your life?

A THEME TO PRAY ABOUT

Pray for discernment about the “state of your flame”. Ask the Holy Spirit to show you how to tend to the fire of the gift of God in order that you might continue to burn brightly for Jesus.