



LIFELINE Discussion Guide

Week of October 23, 2023

1. Read Philippians 2:19-30. What would you say is the “big idea” of this section, and how would you say it in your own words?
2. Who was Timothy? Use your Bible’s concordance at the back, and look him up in the verses where his name appears in the New Testament. What facts do you uncover about him? How would you summarize his life and ministry?
3. What do you think Paul meant when he said in verse 20 that he has “...no one else like him.” Paul had other ministry partners like Silas, Luke, John Mark. What was so special about Timothy (v.20-22)? What kind of priorities should be keeping first and foremost in our lives (see Matthew 6:33)
4. Paul and Timothy were well used by Jesus as a dynamic partnership for gospel ministry. Paul was the older, experienced veteran and Timothy was the young, upstart with energy and excitement. Who are some other famous “master–learner” partnerships in the Bible?

Who is an older, wiser, or mature Christian who poured into you? Who is a younger Christian that you are pouring into and investing in? _____

5. What do you know about Epaphroditus? Who was he? What is his part in this story?
6. Epaphroditus was courageous to bring a love gift from the church and minister to Paul’s needs. But why was Paul eager to send him home to Philippi? (v. 27-28)
7. In today’s culture, we honor the intelligent, beautiful, rich, and powerful. According to verse 29-30, what kind of people should the church be honoring?
8. Describe a time when you “stepped up” to serve the church or other Christians when there was a great need. What happened? Were you successful in your attempt? How did you feel to take a bold step or a risk to serve Jesus and others?