

Bible Study for October 17 - 23, 2022

Read: 2 Timothy 4:1-18

Notes:

In this last selection from 2 Timothy, the author compares the faithful life of the believer to a fight, to a race, to facing the lions. Paul's death, like a pagan sacrifice, is a gift offered to God. These metaphors may strike many contemporary believers as extreme. We can join with Paul to pray for those who misuse us (v. 16) and to praise God in all situations of our life (v. 18).

Questions to Ponder:

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

What do verses 9-16 tell us about Paul's circumstances when he wrote this letter? What do you think he is feeling as he writes?

What is Paul's hope in the midst of his hardship and loneliness?

What barriers to faithful living do you encounter?

How do Paul's example and words encourage you?

What do you feel is the best way to pass the faith along to future generations?