
SHARING

Hymns (What we're praising God for):

Lessons (What God is teaching us):

Requests (What we're asking God to do):

REFLECTION QUESTIONS

Read the passage (II Timothy 4:6-22) and answer the following questions:

1. What stands out most and why?
2. What does the passage reveal to us about God?
3. What does the passage reveal to us about ourselves?
4. What are the immediate application points?

DEEPER DISCUSSION

1. These are the last-known words of the Apostle Paul. As he is reflecting on his life and ministry, he talks about being a "drink offering." What does that mean? Read Romans 12:1-2. How do people live their lives as sacrifices?
2. The illustration of the fight, the race, and the faith (in verse 7) are all ways to say that Paul endured or that he made it to the end. Why is that so remarkable? What does it take to endure like that?
3. What reward is Paul looking for (verse 8)? How often do you think about that future reward that is waiting for you? How can we draw motivation for Christian living by reflecting on that reward?
4. Notice that even though Paul has been faithful in his endurance, he is not free of troubles (verses 9-16). What difficulty was Paul facing? What lessons can we learn from that?
5. Apparently Paul had been betrayed (or at least harmed) by Demas (v. 10) and Alexander (v. 14). How did Paul handle that betrayal? What response should we have if we've been betrayed in that way?
6. Looking back on the book of II Timothy, what have been the most challenging or impacting things that the Lord has taught you?