



# Oakwood

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## CHURCH

## June 19 Discussion Questions

### “Preach the Word”

#### 2 Timothy 4:1-8

#### PREVIEW

We must share the Gospel:

- **Urgently**, because Christ is coming back soon. (v.1)
- **Continually**, because Christ is always working. (v.2a)
- **Completely**, because others are inclined to compromise. (v.2b-4)
- **Joyfully**, because a reward awaits us in Heaven. (v.5-8)

#### OPENING QUESTION

1. What are some of your greatest fears? To what degree do you feel they are irrational or disproportionate?
2. As you evaluate your past evangelistic efforts, to what degree has fear held you back from sharing the Gospel? If your primary obstacle is not fear, what would you say is?

**PRAY** - Pray for God’s blessing on your conversation - to illuminate your minds, transform your hearts, and draw you closer together as a group.

**READ** — 2 Timothy 4:1-8

#### EXPLORE

3. What is the primary command of this passage? In what way does everything in this text relate back to this command?
4. What obstacles does Paul state will come when preaching the word?
5. What reward results from faithful ministry in preaching the word?

## DISCUSS

6. What does it mean to “preach the word?”
7. Why should there be an urgency to our sharing the Gospel?
8. What are some common “out of season” circumstances or moods that prevent us from sharing the Gospel more often? Can you give a recent example of a missed opportunity you may have had?
9. What encouragement do you gain in knowing that Christ is always working through your evangelistic efforts?
10. What threats are being brought against the sound teaching of Scripture today? How do these Gospel perversions begin? How can we prevent ourselves from being influenced by these threats?
11. How should the reward mentioned in v.8 change our perspective and level of fear associated with sharing the Gospel?

## APPLY

12. The Apostle Paul was proud of his commitment to fighting the good fight of the faith. If you went to Heaven today, what regrets might you carry in regard to your fight of the faith?
13. What is a sacrifice God may be calling you to make in order to increase your missional impact?
14. What does it mean for you to increase your urgency in Gospel sharing? What names come to mind in relation to this?

## PRAY

- Personal Request: Pray we will be sensitive to the opportunities God gives us to offer sound teaching to others.
- Ministry: Pray for Oakwood’s short-term missions team (Darin, Caleb, Andrew, Shawn, and Laura) to experience God’s protection and empowerment as they minister this week (June 18-24) in the Dominican Republic.