

PASSING THE
FAITH
To the Next Generation



Small Group Questions

Message: “The Unstoppable Message”

Speaker: Pastor Bob

Series: *Passing the Faith*

Date: 4/5/26

Text: 2 Timothy 2:8-13

***How to Use This Guide:** Read 2 Timothy 2:8–13 aloud together before you begin. Move through the questions at your own pace. You don’t need to cover every question — let the conversation go where the Spirit leads.*

OPENING

1. Pastor Bob asked whether anyone has a saved voicemail from someone who has died. Did that question connect with you personally? What does that instinct — holding onto the voice of someone gone — reveal about what we really long for?

MOVEMENT 1: The Person Worth Remembering (v. 8)

2. Paul commands Timothy to “remember” Jesus Christ — a present, ongoing imperative. What habits or practices help you actively remember Jesus between Sundays? What makes it hardest?
3. Paul calls Jesus “the offspring [seed] of David,” connecting to God’s covenant promise in 2 Samuel 7 — that a King from David’s line would reign forever. Why does it matter that Jesus was a real human being from a real bloodline? What would we lose if He weren’t?
4. Paul says “according to my gospel” — not as arrogance, but personal accountability. He was dying for this message. Can you say the gospel is your gospel in that same sense? What would that look like in your daily life?

MOVEMENT 2: The Preaching That Cannot Be Chained (vv. 9–10)

5. Paul was chained as a *kakourgos* — the same Greek word Luke uses for the criminals crucified beside Jesus. The man who preaches the crucified Christ is treated like one. How does that shape your expectations of what gospel faithfulness costs?
6. Paul endures “for the sake of the elect” — specific people God is gathering who don’t yet believe. Who are the specific people in your life — by name — you are praying for and believing will come to faith? Share one name and pray for them together as a group.

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7. Paul says the word of God is not chained even when he is. Where have you seen the gospel advance in circumstances that seemed designed to stop it — in history, in your community, or in your own life?

MOVEMENT 3: *The Promise That Cannot Be Broken* (vv. 11–13)

8. The early church likely sang vv. 11–13 as a hymn — possibly in the context of persecution or baptism. What does it say about their faith that they sang about dying and reigning with Christ, not just blessing and comfort? What does your church’s worship music say about what it actually believes?
9. The hymn’s final line breaks the pattern: “If we are faithless, He remains faithful.” Paul adds: “He cannot deny Himself.” Is this primarily a comfort or a warning? How do both apply to someone sitting in your group right now?
10. Pastor Bob closed with the refrain: Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead — applied to grief, silence, endurance, and faithlessness. Which of those four lands most personally for you right now? Share with the group and pray for one another.

APPLICATION & PRAYER

This is MBC’s 175th Easter. The believers who planted this church preached the same gospel Paul preached from prison. Their faithfulness is part of why you are here. What is one specific step of gospel boldness you will take this week — one person you will speak to, one silence you will break?

*"Because Jesus Christ rose from the dead — the gospel cannot be silenced, the mission cannot be stopped, and God’s promises cannot be broken."
Dead seeds don’t stay dead. Neither did He.*

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