

PASSING THE
FAITH
To the Next Generation



Small Group Questions

Message: "Itching Ears in a Swiping World"

Speaker: Pastor Bob

Series: *Passing the Faith*

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Text: 2 Timothy 4:1-5

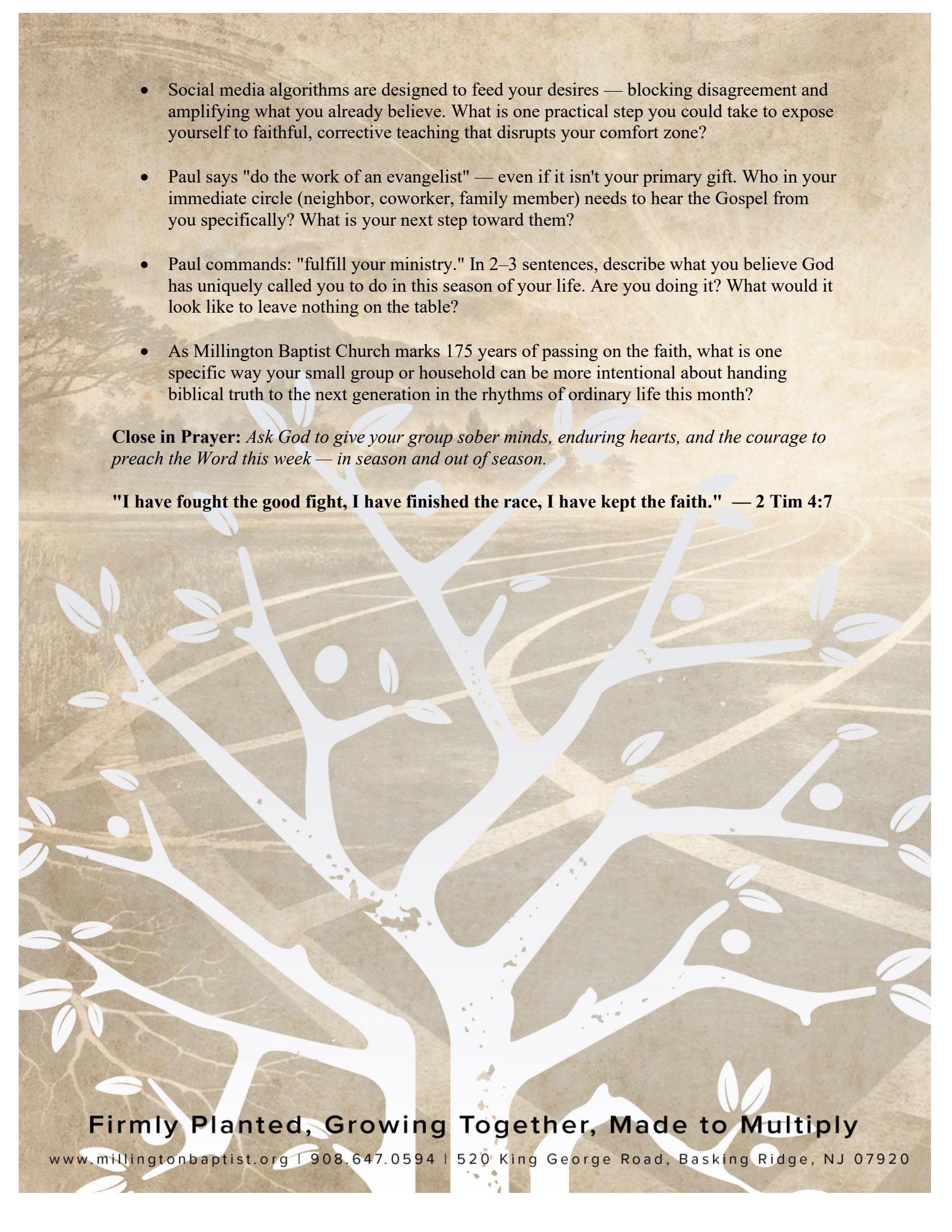
Questions:

Leader Note: *Read 2 Timothy 4:1-5 aloud before beginning. Aim to cover 5-7 questions in 45-60 minutes.*

- Paul says a time is coming when people "will not endure sound teaching." On a scale of 1-10, how would you honestly rate your own appetite for challenging, corrective biblical teaching versus teaching that simply makes you feel affirmed? What shapes that appetite?
- Pull up your podcast app or YouTube subscriptions this week. Do those voices reprove, rebuke, and exhort you toward Christlikeness — or do they primarily confirm what you already believe? What does that tell you?
- Paul describes people who "wander" from the truth through gradual fascination rather than a sudden turn. Can you identify a season in your life where spiritual drift happened slowly and almost invisibly? What were the early warning signs?
- The sermon named two myths: Moralistic Therapeutic Deism ("God just wants me to be nice") and the Affirmation Gospel ("A loving God would never call sin what feels authentic to me"). Which is more tempting to you personally — and why?
- Paul charges Timothy to preach the Word "in season and out of season." When is it most difficult for you to speak biblical truth — at home, at work, online, or in church? What makes you go silent when truth-telling carries a social cost?
- Paul gives three ways to preach the Word: reprove (mind), rebuke (will), and exhort (heart). Think of a relationship in your life right now where one of these is urgently needed. Which one? What is stopping you from having that conversation this week?

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- Social media algorithms are designed to feed your desires — blocking disagreement and amplifying what you already believe. What is one practical step you could take to expose yourself to faithful, corrective teaching that disrupts your comfort zone?
 - Paul says "do the work of an evangelist" — even if it isn't your primary gift. Who in your immediate circle (neighbor, coworker, family member) needs to hear the Gospel from you specifically? What is your next step toward them?
 - Paul commands: "fulfill your ministry." In 2–3 sentences, describe what you believe God has uniquely called you to do in this season of your life. Are you doing it? What would it look like to leave nothing on the table?
 - As Millington Baptist Church marks 175 years of passing on the faith, what is one specific way your small group or household can be more intentional about handing biblical truth to the next generation in the rhythms of ordinary life this month?

Close in Prayer: *Ask God to give your group sober minds, enduring hearts, and the courage to preach the Word this week — in season and out of season.*

"I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith." — 2 Tim 4:7

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