



Sermon Discussion Questions

April 26, 2026

2 Timothy 1:1-7

A Life Aflame

The Kindling: Gospel Foundation

1. Paul references "grace, mercy, and peace" as core elements of the gospel (v. 2). How would you explain the difference between these three? Why are all three necessary?
2. Timothy's faith "dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice" (v. 5). How has your family or spiritual mentors shaped your understanding of the faith? If you didn't grow up in a Christian home, who served as your "Lois and Eunice"?
3. The sermon emphasized Deuteronomy 6—teaching faith in everyday moments. What practical ways can parents (or spiritual mentors) make the gospel visible in ordinary life rather than just formal settings?

The Spark: Sincere Faith

1. The sermon noted that having Christian parents didn't automatically make Timothy a Christian. How do we help young people move from "my parents' faith" to "my own sincere faith"?
2. In our age of "artificial everything," what does sincere, authentic faith look like in the workplace? At home? In the community?
3. Can you identify a specific time when your knowledge about Jesus became personal faith in Jesus? What sparked that transformation?

The Flame: Character and Calling

1. Paul says we've all been given "the ministry of reconciliation" (2 Cor 5). How does viewing your daily life as ministry change how you approach work, relationships, and ordinary tasks?
2. Power, Love, and Self-Control: Of these three character qualities in verse 7, which one do you find most challenging to embody? Why?

Application: Fanning the Flame

1. If you're someone whose "fire has been all but smothered," what is one practical step you can take this week to "fan into flame" that remaining ember?
2. If you're in the "more in the rearview mirror than the windshield" season of life, how can you stoke the coals one more time? What would it look like to finish strong?
3. Jesus said, "Let your light shine before others" (Matt 5:16). What is one specific way you can let your light shine more visibly this week—at work, in your neighborhood, or with your family?

Closing Reflection

Looking at the three parts—kindling (gospel foundation), spark (sincere faith), and flame (visible life)—which area needs the most attention in your life right now? What's your next step?