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5 challenging, take-away themes from Second Timothy...

1. The Centrality of the _____.
2. The Priority of _____.
3. The Necessity of _____ for
_____.
4. The Reality of _____.
5. The _____ of the Gospel.

Do not be ashamed of the testimony of our Lord or of me His prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel according to the power of God, who has saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace which was granted us in Christ Jesus from all eternity... (1:6-9)

You therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. The things which you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses, entrust these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also. (2:1-2) Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, descendant of David, according to my gospel (2:8) Be diligent to present yourself approved to God as a workman who does not need to be ashamed, accurately handling the word of truth. (2:15)

The Lord's bond-servant must not be quarrelsome, but be kind to all, able to teach, patient when wronged, with gentleness correcting those who are in opposition, if perhaps God may grant them repentance leading to the knowledge of the truth . . . (2:24-25)

All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work. I solemnly charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by His appearing and His kingdom: preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort, with great patience and instruction. For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but wanting to have their ears tickled, they will accumulate for themselves teachers in accordance to their own desires, and will turn away their ears from the truth and will turn aside to myths. But you, be sober in all things, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry. (3:15-4:5)

For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the course, I have kept the faith, in the future there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day; and not only to me, but also to all who have loved His appearing. (4:6-8)

Growth Group Stuff

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CONNECTING with One Another (30 min)

Week #3 of Growth Groups is about going a bit deeper. So share how things are going and what's going on in life. Take some risks and go beyond surface level sharing.

EXPLORING God's Word with One Another (20 – 30 min)

1. Take the time to read 2 Timothy from start to finish together, one more time. One of the purposes of systematic teaching of God's Word is that over time we develop Biblical "moorings" or "pegs" which build a general base of Scriptural knowledge. Do you feel like that's happened for you through our study of 2 Timothy? Do you have a "feel" for the book, its themes and its purpose and the reason for which it was written?
2. This message highlighted 5 challenging take-away themes from the whole of 2 Timothy. Were there other themes we missed or that jumped out at you?
3. Take each of the 5 highlighted themes in turn and explore how each theme confronts and challenges our cultural values and tendencies and/or the values and tendencies of contemporary churches.
4. 2 Timothy is a Pastoral Epistle, whose purpose is to highlight priorities for pastors, and, by extension, for churches. So, if you

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were to leave GraceSLO for some reason, how would 2 Timothy inform your choice of a future church? What would you look for?

5. When the Word/Gospel is not central in the life of a church, what sorts of things are instead? When we aren't orienting our lives around God's Word, what sorts of things are we orienting our lives around?
6. Which of the 5 themes confronts and challenges you most personally? What action are you taking or do you need to take in response to our study of God's Word?
7. We've been saying "The Gospel is Worth It!" What does that mean? Worth what? Describe why the Gospel is of surpassing worth in the eyes of God and in the light of eternity. How should the surpassing worth of the Gospel impact our lives?

PRAYING for One Another (15-20 min)

Remember, this quarter we want to encourage depth of personal sharing and caring in our Growth Groups, so our goal is to pray for each other, not for everyone else in our extended circles. So, really focus on sharing and praying for one another in light of this text/message, as well as for any other requests/needs the group has. Let's let God's Word lead us to the throne of grace.

WELCOME:

If you are visiting with us at Grace, we welcome you as our guest. Please take a moment to fill out the visitor tab and put it in the offering bag. Thank you!

January 30, 2011 9:00 10:45

Name(s) _____

Children/DOB _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

E-mail _____

New Resident in area Visiting area

New Address

Please include me in the church directory

How you heard about Grace: _____

Please check the appropriate boxes:

Single

College 18-24 25-36 37-50

50-60 60+

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20s-30s 30s-40s 40s-50s

50s-60s 60+

I want to find a place to serve!

Please send me information about...

children's ministry worship ministry

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college ministry men's ministry

growth groups

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our community and
the world transformed
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OUR STATEMENT OF FAITH

- We believe the **Bible** is the inspired, inerrant, infallible word and revelation of God. It is the authoritative standard for every age and life.
- We believe there is one **God**, eternally existing in three persons - Father, Son and Holy Spirit - each of whom are equal in attributes of deity.
- We believe that **Jesus Christ** in the flesh was both God and man; His virgin birth, His sinless life, His miracles, His death on the cross as a penalty for our sins, and His bodily resurrection from the dead on the third day; His ascension to the right hand of God as our Mediator, Priest, and Advocate.
- We believe all **men** have sinned and fall short of the standard of God.
- We believe that in His death, the Lord Jesus Christ made a perfect **atonement** for sin, redeeming us from the curse of the law. Men are saved and justified on the simple ground of His shed blood.
- We believe that **salvation** is by grace, through faith alone. Our hope of eternal life with Jesus Christ is entirely based upon His work and efficacy on the cross and victory over death and sin, and not upon good works, baptism or church membership.
- We believe that a true believer is **eternally secure**, that he cannot lose his salvation, but that sin may interrupt the joy of his fellowship with God and bring loving discipline from his Heavenly Father.
- We believe that the **Holy Spirit** is a person, is God and possesses all the divine attributes. He indwells all believers, baptizes and seals them at the moment of their salvation, and fills them in response to confession of sin and yieldedness.
- We believe in the reality of **Satan**.
- We believe that **the church** is made up of those who have individually trusted Christ as their Savior and Lord and have bound themselves together to proclaim God's grace in their lives and to share that good news with others. As believers, we are admonished to regularly assemble together.
- We believe in the **blessed hope** of the believer - that we will be with Christ for all eternity - and eternal punishment for all those who do not believe in the Lord Jesus Christ.

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Moving Toward Worship Together

In this story, the sun moves. In this story, every night meets a dawn and burns away in the bright morning. In this story, Winter can never hold back the Spring... He is the best of all possible audiences, the only Audience to see every scene, the Author who became a Character and heaped every shadow on Himself. The Greeks were right. Live in fear of a grinding end and a dank hereafter. Unless you know a bigger God, or better yet, are related to Him by blood.

— N.D. Wilson (from the *Tilt-A-Whirl: Wide Eyed Wonder in God's Spoken World*)

WELCOME

Because of Your Love

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 43:3-5

1st Service: Scott Morton 2nd Service: Ted Malley

Glory to God Forever

All Creatures of Our God and King

Center

Create in Me

Celebration Choir

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

1st Service: Al Stredler 2nd Service: Tim Arlen

OFFERING

LIFE @ GRACE

SCRIPTURE READING

Selections from 2 Timothy

1st Service: Bill Ziegler 2nd Service: Kevin & Janet Hooper

MESSAGE

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Tim Theule, Lead Pastor

May the Words of My Mouth

BENEDICTION

1 Corinthians 15:57-58

Cry Room: at the back of Worship Center. Hearing impaired: FM receivers at sound booth.

COMING UP @ GRACE

Please visit our new website at graceslo.org, for more information.



June '10 - May '11 Financial Report	YTD Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Over (Under)
	Giving:	\$740,808	\$777,000

Please visit the website to give funds electronically

Missionary of the Week: Ned Steffens

Pastor on Call this week: Al Stredler

PRAYER REQUESTS:

Name: _____

Please indicate if you would like to share your prayer with...

- Please email me church prayer requests (add email to other side)
- Ministry Staff & Leadership only
- All Church