

## The Charge

2 Timothy 4:1-8

*This section of Scripture has three primary characters. What does the situation look like for each of them?*

1. For Paul, it's \_\_\_\_\_ (v6-8)

2. For the church, it's a \_\_\_\_\_ (v3-4)

3. For Timothy, it's \_\_\_\_\_ (v1-2, 5)

## FOR FURTHER THOUGHT:

1. If you knew you were dying, what unfinished business would you want to take care of? What things would you want to put in place that would survive you? Would you have any regrets as you leave this life? If so, what are they?
2. Read 2 Timothy 4:1-8. What's Paul's tone (v1)? (Compare with 1 Timothy 5:21, 2 Timothy 2:14) Why does he strike this tone?
3. What's the danger Paul points out (v3-4)? What forms does that take today? What damage does it do? How do we avoid that danger?
4. What are the things Paul charges Timothy to do (v2, 5)? From what we know of Timothy (see 1 Timothy 4:11-12, 5:23, 2 Timothy 1:4-7), which of those things might not come naturally to Timothy? What difference does that make? Why?
5. Are you serving in a ministry in the church? If so, how did you pick it? If not, what is holding you back? What are the pros and cons of serving in an area that doesn't fit your giftedness? What ministries of the church are underserved? Might God be calling you to step up and make a difference?
6. What's Paul's perspective on his impending death (v6-8)? If you were given a death sentence, would you be able to say the same things? Are you equipping anyone to step into the gap if you were taken out of the picture?
7. Would you agree that this is one of the "times of difficulty" Paul said would come in the last days? What makes it so? How can you be a faithful Timothy or support the Timothies among us in this challenging time?