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(2 Timothy 4:5-8)

But you, keep your head in all situations, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, discharge all the duties of your ministry.

For I am already being poured out like a drink offering, and the time for my departure is near. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Now there is in store 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 longed for his appearing.

What is something that stood out to me in the message today?

What is one question I have as a result of this message?

What is one commitment I need to make after hearing this message today?

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- 1.** Read Acts 7:54-8:3 to see how Paul's story begins in scripture. Obviously his story does not begin very well, how does it compare to the beginning of yours?
- 2.** Check out the point where Paul's story gets rewritten in Acts 9:1-20. What are some key moments of this story that stick out to you?
- 3.** Paul's assignment was to carry the Gospel to Gentiles and to Jews. What would have been particularly challenging about this assignment? Has God ever asked you to do something that was scary for the sake of the Gospel? How did you respond?
- 4.** Philippians 3:5 & Acts 26:10 tell us a little about Paul's life prior to the road to Damascus. What are some things Paul gave up for his new calling? What are some things you have given up for yours?
- 5.** "I have remained faithful" or "kept the faith" are some bold words to say about yourself. Paul was able to proclaim this because he fully understood what "Jesus is LORD" really meant. What does this mean to you; could you proclaim the same thing?