



03/07/2021
Shape of Love
2 Tim 1:8-18



CELEBRATION - HOW DID YOU SEE GOD THIS WEEK AS YOU FOLLOWED HIM?



WORD - WHAT DID GOD SAY IN HIS WORD?

Opening Question: Considering this week's Lent practice of observing the Sabbath, what does your ideal Sabbath look like? How would it involve worship? How would it involve rest?

Check out this video for more explanation: <https://youtu.be/veO4IAxjKnk>

Let's read the passage from Sunday together

Read together: 2 Timothy 1:8-18

Reflect together:

Paul instructs Timothy to "share in suffering for the gospel by the power of God." (v.8). Pastor Mitch said that love takes the form of a cross, which is a symbol of suffering. How is God's power released through suffering? Share some examples.

How would you explain how we are saved by grace to a nonbeliever? (v.9-10).

What helps you endure suffering and not be ashamed of the gospel? (v.12)

What is the role of faith and love, as we seek to obey God's word? (v.13) And how does the Holy Spirit help us to obey? (v.14)



HEART - WHAT DID GOD SAY TO ME THROUGH HIS WORD?

What insights from this passage help you love even when it means suffering?

The beauty of the Sabbath is that we lean into the center of the Christian faith, which is that we are saved (not by our own work), but by what Jesus did. That work was finished by Jesus on the cross, so we can rest. How does observing the Sabbath better help us understand our identity as God's Beloved?



WORLD - WHAT DOES GOD WANT ME TO DO ABOUT IT?

What steps can you take to love well this week no matter the results?

Take one day this week to observe the Sabbath. It will look different for different kinds of people, but it should involve rest and worship. Think about how you may observe this as a community.