Text: 2 Timothy 4:9-15

Topics: Co-workers, Opposition, Word of God

Series: Fulfilling Our Calling

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Ministers of the Gospel

It takes <u>willing ministers</u> with the <u>Word</u> of <u>God</u> to advance the gospel of Christ amidst the <u>opposition</u> in the <u>world</u>.

I. The Request to Come (9-12)

The reason for the request...

There is always need for willing ministers in gospel ministry.

The loves...

Am I willing?

II. The Request to Bring (13)

The needs...

The Word of God is essential to ministers of the gospel.

If everything were stripped away... what would I ask for?

III. The Request to Beware (14-15)

The need...

The minister of the gospel will have opponents.

Because I have opponents to my mission, I must not be foolish, but because I have Christ, I need not be fearful!

<u>Application Questions</u> - These questions are provided for your further study and application of the subject of today's message. Thoughtfully writing out answers to these questions will help drive home the point. They are designed to be discussed in your home, with other believers, and in a Life Group, for even more benefit.

- 1. Have you felt like God called you to some sort of ministry or missions? What did you do? What happened?
- 2. What did Jesus say to the Father in John 17:18? (See also John 20:21) Read John17:13-21. What does Jesus acknowledge will happen? What does Jesus pray, and provide, for His followers concerning His mission for them?

What does it look like for you to be part of this mission?

3. What is James warning his readers about in James 4:1-4? (See also James 1:27) Describe what this lifestyle looks like today.

How does Paul describe this kind of life in Romans 8:5-8?

What solution is given in verses 1-4? What does living God's solution look like in your life?

4. What kind of person does Jesus illustrate as He explains His parable in Mark 4:13-19? What kind of person is illustrated in verse 20?

Name some of the fruit in your life from being a verse 20 kind of person.

Jesus gave a condition-evidence of a true disciple of His in John 8:31-32. What is it? What's your biggest challenge to applying this? What helps?

- 5. What are believers assured of in 2 Timothy 3:12? Knowing this, what will keep you pressing on in living out your faith?
- 6. What is the main application of this study, and/or the sermon and its passages, for you?