

STAND by me

We were never
meant to go it alone
Or keep company
with fools.

Questions for Individual or Group Study

Week 3 – September 27 ***Stand by Me: In Learning***

1. Having reached the midpoint of this series, what are one or two thoughts that have stood out to you concerning the concept of mentoring?
2. Read II Timothy 3:10-4:8. What strikes you about the nature of the relationship between Paul and Timothy?
3. How would you summarize what Paul is saying to Timothy in these verses? What do you discover concerning the idea of mentoring?
4. Timothy observed first-hand the teaching and conduct of Paul. If someone were to observe what you teach and how you act today, what would they see? If there are parts of what you say and do that you are not pleased with, what adjustments or changes can you make?
5. Where or how are you primarily taught? How do you tend to learn? Is there anything God is asking you to do to make sure you are regularly receiving instruction for right living? If so, what steps will you take act upon God's instruction?
6. Jim Dixon made the statement that "we have been called to mentor and be mentored." Discuss the short and long term effects of the implementation or non-implementation of this calling. In other words, what happens when we carry out this call? What happens if we do not put into practice this calling?
7. Is there a place where God is asking you to step in as a teacher, mentor, or guide to others? Where is that place? What steps will you take this week to move on that nudging?

8. For more in-depth and/or personal study and reflection. Read about the mentoring relationship of Elijah and Elisha as recorded in I Kings 17-21 and II Kings 1-2. What specific ways did Elijah invest in the life of Elisha? How did God use that mentoring relationship?