

## SESSION 3:

Our calling as Christians is to stand firm on the word of God and to endure hardship and persecution.

How can we learn to keep our faith in the midst of adversity?

- In the video, David talked about "Red Bull Christianity" where it's all go-go-go. Why does David discourage being a caffeinated Christian?
- Read 2 Timothy, 2:1-7. Why do you think Paul encourages Timothy to be "strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus"?

• What do you think David Nasser meant when he said the call of ministry is the call of Christianity?

- How does Paul relate our work for the Lord to a teacher (vs. 2), soldier (vs. 3-4), athlete (vs. 5), and farmer (vs. 6)? How does that look in your life?
- Read 2 Timothy 4:1-8. Explain Paul's words: "They will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear."
- Why is it so easy for us to follow after teachers who make us "feel" good?
- The following sentence is one of the most quoted verses in the Bible: "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith."

  What is Paul really saying?
- What would it look like for you to stand firm "in and out of season"? How would you like your life to look at the end?

## **CHALLENGE**

Consider writing a letter of encouragement to someone you think needs it. Write your letter on a traditional note card (no email!) expressing how much you appreciate him or her.

## **FURTHER STUDY**

Read **Galatians 1:11-17**. How does your relationship with Christ affect your everyday relationships?

How can you better focus on God's wisdom instead of man's wisdom?