

A person's legs in blue jeans and various sneakers are visible, standing on a rocky ledge. The background shows a town with a prominent blue roof, suggesting a scenic overlook or a high vantage point. The overall scene is bright and sunny.

STUDY 5

# PARTNERING IN MISSION

2 TIMOTHY 4:9-22

Throughout this letter we've seen that we need to *be* the next generation on gospel mission, and we also need to send and support the next generation who'll be on gospel mission *after us*. People who promote the gospel without shame. Without stopping. Eyes open to the way others will tend to distort the gospel. Speaking the gospel openly, in all kinds of situations, every chance we get. It might all sound like a big ask... which is why we aren't expected to do it all *alone*...



5. How could you help the next generation build relationships so they can be on gospel mission together? Consider the following possibilities:
  - Help with Holiday Kids Club where relationships are often built
  - Cook for Youth Church so teens can bond over dinner
  - Have people for a meal at your house so they can enjoy time together
  - Babysit for a young family so the couple can spend time with others
  - Attend Latechurch to support and disciple young adults
  - Other things you can think of?
  
6. Usually our ministry trainees and students are sent far away from our church and it's easy to lose touch. Why is it important that we don't? What would it look like to keep up a supportive partnership with them over time and distance, the way Paul and Timothy did?

If even a hero like Paul desperately needed his mission partners, we're not going to be able to do it all on our own! We need the encouragement of others being on gospel mission with us. The generations that follow us in our church need that from us. The next generation of ministry workers needs that from us. But of course, in a world broken by sin, that's not always going to work out as it should. That's when we need something even deeper...

**Read again 2 Timothy 4:16-18**

7. Who stood by Paul when no one else did, and for what purpose?

