Here's a small group guide based on the sermon transcription:
Small Group Guide: How to Finish Strong
Opening Prayer
Key Scripture: 2 Timothy 4:1-8
Discussion Questions:
1. What does it mean to "finish strong" in our Christian walk? How does this apply to different areas of our lives, not just the end of life?
2. The pastor mentioned that we are all called to "proclaim the Word of God" in our daily lives. What are some practical ways we can do this in our workplaces, families, or communities?
3. How can we stay committed to biblical truth in a world that increasingly opposes it? Share some challenges you've faced in this area.
4. The sermon emphasized the importance of knowing and fulfilling our individual ministries. Do you know what your ministry is? If so, how did you discover it? If not, what steps can you take to find out?
5. How does having an "eternal perspective" change the way we approach our daily lives and challenges?
Key Takeaways:

- 1. We are called to share God's Word through our lives, not just through preaching.
- 2. Expect and prepare for opposition to biblical truth.
- 3. Every believer has a ministry to fulfill.
- 4. Living with an eternal perspective helps us finish strong.
- 5. Intimacy with Jesus is crucial for standing firm in our faith.

Practical Applications:

- 1. Commit to spending time in God's Word daily, even if it's just for a short period.
- 2. Identify one area in your life where you can "finish strong" this week (e.g., a project at work, a family responsibility, a personal goal).
- 3. Reflect on your spiritual gifts and pray about how God might want to use you in ministry.
- 4. Look for opportunities to share your faith or demonstrate Christ's love in your daily interactions this week.
- 5. Write down one way you can "rise higher" in your relationship with God to combat worldly influences.

Closing Prayer:

Thank God for His faithfulness and ask for His strength to help each group member finish strong in their walk with Him.