**The Race (2 Timothy)**

**What is expected of the Racers (2 Timothy 4:1-8)**

**Recap:**

* **“Passing the Baton” (2 Timothy 3:10-17)**
	+ **Model the Gospel (vv. 10-11)**
		- **Great Things**
		- **Hard Things**
	+ **Embrace Hard Questions (vv. 12-13)**
	+ **Passing the Baton correctly points not to us but to the power of the Gospel at work in us and through us (vv. 14-15)**
	+ **Conclusion: Passing the Baton requires us to be fully equipped (vv. 16-17)**
* **2 Timothy 4:1-8**
* **Today we are going to look at what is expected of the Racers that are running the Gospel-Centered Race**
* **One of those expectations: The church is the Prophet of the Gospel.**
* **Prophet means: Proclaiming God’s Truth to the People.**
* **So how is the church to be a prophet of the Gospel in a Gospel-Centered Race?**
1. **Embrace the charge to preach the word (vv. 1-2)**
	1. **Preach=Proclaim**
	2. **Cast a Vision**
		1. **Reproof: Milder or Constructive Criticism or Disapproval**
		2. **Rebuke: Strong Criticism or Disapproval**
		3. **Exhort: Strongly Encourage, persuade to do something**
	3. **Method: Strong Patience**
2. **Acknowledge the Desperate Need to Preach the Word (vv. 3-4)**
	1. **Have I compromise our ability to preach the Word due to allegiance or ideology?**
	2. **What is Discipling You Right Now?**
3. **Expect Strong Resistance when Preaching the Word (vv. 5-6)**
	1. **Hebrews 4:12**
	2. **Matthew 5:11**
4. **Anticipate the Glorious Reward of Preaching the Word (vv. 7-8)**

**Conclusion:**

* **Paul charges Timothy to Preach the Word no matter the Season.**
* **Preach when it is popular.**
* **Preach when it is not.**
* **This puts the church in a position to be patiently prophetic to the world around us.**
* **A world that desperately needs us to preach the Word.**