

It's going to be lonely at times, but...

Spend your life for Jesus Christ all the way through the finish line. (6-8)

Grow through the good and bad relationships you have in ministry. (9-16)

Know that God's presence will always be with you to accomplish His purposes. (17-22)

Questions for Discussion:

Paul said that he had "fought the *good* fight." What are some other "fights" we can get caught up in? How can these fights distract us from giving our best in the *good* fight?

What are some reasons people might give for not *fighting* through the finish line?
Why are each of these reasons ultimately unacceptable?
Are any of these reasons ones you personally are living by?
What will it look like for you to reject this reason for your life?

Do you think most Christians are really looking forward to the time of their "departure?"
What are some reasons they might not be?
What are some reasons they should be?

Have you had someone stand by you when you really needed them?
Who was it, and what did they do?

Have you had someone abandon you when you really needed them?
How did the Lord carry you through that time?
How did God use this circumstance for good?
Have you forgiven that person for abandoning you?