

"Be On Guard" Presenter: Jim Hammond

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Fan Into Flame "Be On Guard"

SMALL TALK

1. What teacher, coach, or other person, had a knack for bringing out the best in you?

VIEWPOINT

- 2. **READ 2 Timothy 1:8-18**. Find the use of the term "gospel." What is "the gospel", and what does Paul have to say about it in these paragraphs?
- 3. What pressures and responsibilities were Paul and Timothy feeling in relationship to the gospel?
- 4. How does this relate to Paul's circumstance and conviction in 1:12?
- 5. What has caused the widespread desertion that Paul felt (1:15)?

GETTING PERSONAL

- 6. When you first decided to follow Jesus, did you assume it would be a "bed of roses" or a "bed of nails"? Why?
- 7. What have you learned about the cost of following him since then?

MAKING PROGRESS (THIS WEEK)

- 8. How do WCC's 5 core statements, related to the concept of guarding the gospel (Baton) which was entrusted to you? Do any of the five statements poke you right now? What step will you take this week to fan into flame your faithfulness to the gospel baton entrusted to you, to guard, live by, and entrust to others?
 - 1. Love God Wholeheartedly
 - 2. Do First Things First
 - 3. Don't Do Life Alone
 - 4. Saved People Serve People
 - 5. Followers Say, Follow Me!