

notes from small group

prayer requests

SMALL GROUP

— *study guide* —



For sermon on
Sunday, May 12, 2019

Witness!—

WITNESS IN THE HOME

2 Timothy 3:1-5; 10-17

group discussion questions

1. What is the main point from Scripture as it was taught on Sunday?
2. Are there any Study Questions from this week that you want to discuss?
3. What difference should this Scripture make in our lives today?
4. How does God want your personal beliefs and actions to change based on this Scripture?
5. How can you plan to accomplish this change with God's grace this week? What is the first step toward bringing about this change?

"All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work." 2 Timothy 3:16-17

personal study questions

Read: 2 Timothy 3:10-15

ASK: PREPARE — *Will I listen to God?*

LOOK: OBSERVE — *What has God said?*

What sorts of times does Paul predict for the future; what is the context in which the gospel ministry of witnessing must be done (3:1-4)?

What does Paul claim that Timothy had followed from his life (3:10, 11)?

What guarantee does Paul offer all who desire to live a godly life in Christ Jesus (3:12)?

What trend, behavior, and condition does Paul predict for the future (3:13)?

What does Paul command Timothy to do in contrast to the world around him (3:14a)?

What does Paul claim Timothy knows (3:14b)? From when had Timothy been acquainted with the sacred writings (3:15a)?

What does Paul claim the sacred writings are able to do (3:15b)?

THINK: INTERPRET — *What does God mean?*

Why would Paul bring up the persecutions he suffered (3:11)? In what way can a guarantee of persecution be helpful (3:12)?

What will 'evil people' and 'imposters' look like (3:13a)? How do we know *we're* not being deceived (3:13b)?

What are the 'sacred writings' to which Paul is referring (3:15b)?

In what sense are the sacred writings 'able' to make one wise for salvation; as in, why don't they bring about salvation *automatically* for all (3:15b)? [Hint read: John 5:39]

DO: APPLY — *What does God want?*

Who is someone with a gospel ministry pattern of witness that you can follow? What parts of your life are not consistent with living on mission for Jesus?

What has following Jesus cost you? What costs tempt you to avoid braving the gospel ministry of witnessing to others?

How can we pray for others (fellow church members or sent missionaries) who may be tempted to give up on the gospel ministry of witnessing?

What has God done to prove you can trust him in the gospel ministry of witnessing?

Are there places in your life where you avoid or are surprised by how hard it is to follow Jesus? How might your life and message be failing to teach others (children, other church members, unbelievers) to expect a fight?

What happens when we forget the danger of deception and self-deception? What happens when we use sincerity as the only test for accuracy?

What gospel teachers (formal or informal) from your life can think back on and remember? What will those who listen to you remember when they think back on you?

How have you soaked yourself and others in the scriptures?

In what ways have and do the Scriptures lead you to the person of Jesus and his transforming power (rather than just a cold intellectual knowledge)? How might that truth change the way you pray and live out the gospel ministry of witnessing?