

BIBLE DISCUSSION GROUP STUDY QUESTIONS

In preparation for Sunday, November 1, 2020

Passage: 2 Timothy 3:16-4:5

Memory Passage: 2 Timothy 3:16-17

DAY 1 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

(a) **Read 2 Tim. 1:1-3:15.** Because we are jumping into the middle of the letter for this week's Reformation sermon, and since there are only 59 verses preceding our text, we need to familiarize ourselves with the broad context of 2nd Timothy before we look closer at the verses at hand. Read 1:1-3:15 at least twice (each reading will take you less than 10 minutes) and take note of (1) repeated words, phrases, or ideas, (2) contrasts or comparisons, and (3) where major sections begin and end.

DAY 2 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read 2 Tim. 3:1-15.** Now to the more immediate context: Summarize in one sentence what Paul tells Timothy in vs. 1-9.
- (b) What do the words "You, however" (v. 10) tell you about the relationship between vs. 1-9 and what follows?
- (c) Of what does Paul remind (vs.10-11) and inform (vs. 12-13) Timothy?
- (d) "But as for you" (v. 14) sets up a contrast. Explain what is being contrasted and what Paul tells Timothy he must do.

DAY 3 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read 2 Tim. 3:16-4:5.** Oftentimes vs. 16-17 are taught as if they have no context. Explain how 3:15 continues the thought of what Paul is encouraging Timothy to do.
- (b) What "Scripture" is being spoken of in 3:16 and what does it mean that it is "breathed out by God?"
- (c) What is conveyed about the nature of Scripture when we consider it is breathed out by God?
- (d) Define each of the 4 profitable uses of Scripture mentioned in v. 16.
- (e) In context, who is "the man of God" to whom Paul speaks and what does it mean for him to be "competent" and "equipped for every good work?" How is this equipping accomplished?

DAY 4 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read 2 Tim. 3:16-4:5.** Where in 2 Timothy have you already seen mention of "good work" and how does 3:17 continue the thought
- (b) What do you learn about God and Christ Jesus in 4:1, and why does Paul "charge" Timothy by appealing to these traits?
- (c) Explain each of the 5 commands given in 4:2 and how they flow from what Paul has already taught Timothy (i.e. 2:20-25, 3:16-17).
- (d) Explain the cultural situation into which Timothy must be prepared to preach the gospel (4:3-5).
- (e) What "passions" drive their desires and why will they "turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths" (cf. 3:1-9 for specific answers).

DAY 5 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read 2 Tim. 3:16-4:5.** While acknowledging Paul's exhortations are given to Timothy in his unique role in Ephesus, we must still apply these texts to ourselves. In what ways are you encouraged & strengthened in your role as discipler (of others in our church, of your family, of yourself) as you study 3:16-17?
- (b) In what ways are you actively using Scripture to obtain the fruit listed in vs. 15-17? In what "good works" are you active?
- (c) In what ways do vs. 3-4 reflect the church, why is this important, and how does the teaching in these verses apply?
- (d) How does our current culture mirror Timothy's Ephesian culture (4:3-4) and how does the command to be ready to preach the gospel in this environment apply to you? In what ways are you engaging the culture with the gospel?

DATE: November 1, 2020

PASSAGE: 2 Timothy 3:16-4:5

Sola Scriptura: Profitable & Fruitful

In 2 Timothy 3:16-4:4, we are shown 4 reasons Scripture alone is sufficient.

- I. Scripture is given by God (3:16a).
- II. Scripture is profitable.
 - A. For teaching (3:16b).
 - B. For reproof (3:16c).
 - C. For correction (3:16d).
 - D. For training in righteousness (3:16e).
- III. Scripture is fruitful.
 - A. Making God's servants saved (3:15).
 - B. Making God's servants competent (3:17a).
 - C. Making God's servants equipped (3:17b).
- IV. Scripture is what we preach.
 - A. By who's authority? God & Christ (4:1).
 - B. What? The word (4:2a).
 - C. When? At all times (4:2b).
 - D. How? Reprove, rebuke, exhort, with patience and teaching (4:4c).
 - E. Why? People will not endure it (4:3-4).