



Introduction/Ice Breaker

? What are some ways that a parent shows care to his or her child in discipline? How does this differ from the way a person might care for a piece of property or something else without eternal value (think of working a piece of land or caring for a temporary possession)?

? How does this difference help you to see the way God cares for Christians as His children? How does this help you see His patient guidance in a different light? Why is His Word important in this process?

1. An Approved Workman (2 Tim. 2:14-15)

? What was the first command Paul gave Timothy in this passage? Why might this be such an important message for Paul to communicate?

? What was Paul's second command to Timothy, found in verse 15? What characterizes an approved worker?

? Application: Take time to pray for your host/teacher/facilitator now.

2. Empty Speech and Useful Vessels (2 Tim. 2:16-21)

? What was the directive that Paul gave in verse 16? What is the danger of this type of behavior? How have you seen this personally?

❓ What was the meaning of Paul's metaphor here? What did he mean when he said, "if anyone purifies himself"?

❓ Application: Who are you discipling to be an approved worker in the church?

3. Flee and Pursue (2 Tim. 2:22-26)

❓ What did Paul's exhortation in these verses have to do with Timothy being an approved worker?

❓ How are all Christians called to these same standards?

❓ Application: How can each member of this group seek to "reject foolish and ignorant disputes"? What are some ways we are tempted to not do this?

Conclusion

❓ How are you seeking to live as an "approved worker" before God? Why is it important to remember that God does not accept us based on our works but on the work of Christ? How does this motivate you further to live rightly before God?

❓ What disagreement or difference of opinion over matters of faith or ministry have you been involved in recently? What will these verses lead you to say or do differently?

❓ What is your plan for growing as a student of God's Word? What are you doing on your own to root yourself in the Word and understand its truths?

Daily Readings

- Monday - 2 Timothy 2:14-26
- Tuesday - 2 Peter 3:14
- Wednesday - Proverbs 4:23

- Thursday - 1 John 4:1
- Friday - Romans 16:17
- Saturday - Colossians 2:8