

Session



Personal Study Guide

Gospel Difficulty - Part 2

September 13, 2020

Introduction/Ice Breaker

? Have you ever been in a situation where you felt confused and unable to make a sound decision? What happened?

? Why do you think that sometimes the right decision can seem so clear beforehand and in hindsight, but in the heat of the battle everything seems foggy and convoluted? Describe a time when you have experienced something like this.

1. Praise (2 Tim. 3:10-11)


? How did Paul describe Timothy's way of life? How are all Christians to imitate these same traits?

? Notice Paul gave extra emphasis to endurance. Why do you think he did that? Why would this be crucial moving forward?

? Application: Paul sought to encourage Timothy as he faced a time of hardship. What are some practical ways you can guide and encourage the person(s) you are discipling?


2. Assurance (2 Tim. 3:12-13)

? What promise did Paul make Timothy in verse 12? Why is it important for Christians to recognize this today?

 Application: Have you experienced opposition for your devotion and obedience to Christ and His Word? What happened? How did you respond? Spending time with God daily in His Word is one of the most profound ways to combat opposition to your Christian character and practices. Check out the daily devotionals that relate to this study (<https://brentwoodbaptist.com/category/daily-devotional/>).


3. Reminder (2 Tim. 3:14-17)


 What is the command that Paul gave Timothy in verse 14? Why is this important for all Christians?

 Paul encouraged Timothy to continue in what he had learned and believed from infancy. What guidance or encouragement does this give as you disciple others toward life-long faithfulness to Christ?

 Paul expressed the idea of the “sufficiency of Scripture” in verses 16 and 17. What does it mean to say that the Scriptures are sufficient?

Conclusion

 Paul saw signs of the grace of God in Timothy’s life (vv. 10-11). What signs of grace have people seen in your life? What work has the Spirit wrought in your own thinking, behavior, and faithfulness to the Lord?

 Paul urged Timothy to stay faithful to God’s Word. The Scriptures were to be his port of comfort and strength in the terrible gales of persecution. Where do you find your comfort and strength day by day? Do you cherish the sacred Scriptures? A way to stay active in the scriptures is through daily devotionals (<https://brentwoodbaptist.com/category/daily-devotional/>).

Daily Readings

- Monday - 2 Timothy 3:10-17
- Tuesday - James 1:12
- Wednesday - Hebrews 12:1-3
- Thursday - John 16:33
- Friday - 1 Peter 4:12
- Saturday - Mathew 5:10