

Session



Personal Study Guide

Gospel Ministry

September 20, 2020

Introduction/Ice Breaker

? How important would you say the Bible is to faithfully following Jesus? What role should the Bible play in the church?

? What are some other things that people might view as important in following Jesus?

1. The Charge (2 Timothy 4:1-2)

? What motivation did Paul give in verse 1 for faithfully preaching the Word? How should this motivate us to pursue faithfulness to Him?

? How does it change your perspective of your life when you think about the promise of Jesus' return? How does it impact how you see your neighbors, friends and co-workers?

? Application: Even if you are not a pastor or teacher, what responsibility do you have to properly share the truth of the Bible?

2. Trouble on the Way (2 Timothy 4:3-4)

? How did Paul describe the people that he warned Timothy about in verses 3-4?

? What can we learn from Paul's negative description to understand how Christians should live?

 Application Question: Which of the two descriptions above fits your life more accurately? How does your life give evidence of this?

3. Some Helps (2 Timothy 4:5)

 What commands did Paul give Timothy in verse 5? What jumps out at you? What do you find encouraging or challenging about the list?

 How is self control connected to following Jesus faithfully?

 Application: We are not all preachers, but we are all believers empowered to proclaim the truth of the gospel to the lost and searching. If you've never written out your personal testimony and your understanding of the gospel, do that this week. Consider sharing what you write with your group next week.

Conclusion

 Do you desire to obey God's Word for man's approval or because of your responsibility before God?? How does a person's life show their motivation for obedience?

 Consider how you can have a Gospel conversation with your neighbor, friend, or co-worker this week. Review the Gospel Conversation exercise and focus study Brentwood Baptist is offering (<https://brentwood.church/groups/group/?id=10591>).

Daily Readings

- Monday - 2 Timothy 4:1-5
- Tuesday - 1 Timothy 4:16
- Wednesday - Psalm 119:105
- Thursday - Hebrews 4:12
- Friday - Titus 1:9
- Saturday - 1 Timothy 6:20