

Sermon-Based Discussion Guide

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BIBLE PASSAGES - 2 Tim 3

2 Tim 3:1 You should know this, Timothy, that in the last days there will be very difficult times. **2** For people will love only themselves and their money. They will be boastful and proud, scoffing at God, disobedient to their parents, and ungrateful. They will consider nothing sacred. **3** They will be unloving and unforgiving; they will slander others and have no self-control. They will be cruel and hate what is good. **4** They will betray their friends, be reckless, be puffed up with pride, and love pleasure rather than God. **5** They will act religious, but they will reject the power that could make them godly. Stay away from people like that!

1 John 3:16 This is how we know what love is: that Jesus Christ laid down His life for us, and we ought to lay our lives down for our brothers.

1 Tim 1:5 The goal of instruction is love from a pure heart, a good conscience, and a sincere faith. **6** Because they missed this goal, some people have been distracted by talk that doesn't mean anything.

2 Tim 3: 10 But you, Timothy, certainly know what I teach, and how I live, and what my purpose in life is. You know my faith, my patience, my love, and my endurance. **11** You know how much persecution and suffering I have endured. You know all about how I was persecuted in Antioch, Iconium, and Lystra—but the Lord rescued me from all of it. **12** Yes, and everyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution.

Other Passages: 1 John 4, 1 Cor 9:19, Psalm 73:25

Connect:

Get to know each other. Connect, warm up to each other, and take time to fellowship.

Care:

Carry each other's burdens. Share life's challenges and practice Soul Care. Pray together.

Challenge:

1. Read together the passage in 2 Tim 3, Share with the group your thoughts on why you think Paul says "Timothy you should know this"? Why must he know this is going to happen? How is that helpful? How would you feel getting that news?
2. Bryce talked about 3 temptations from the enemy, take some time to discuss each one and how we should understand what they are - To be - To feel - to Have - How do you feel each of these are represented in your world? Where do you see them coming into your home or family context?
3. There were 3 offers from the Lord mentioned, take some time to talk through each one and how we are to understand them - Love (Agapone) - Integrity - Generosity - Could you be so bold and share how these are harder to live out than the others on offer?
4. Lets talk action! Who is getting influenced by a servant this week in your world? Who came to mind that you realized maybe didn't see these things in the way you have been living? Share this with the group and pray for one another
5. What Temptation is that one that you need to be most on guard with and moving away from? Where are these temptations showing up and when? Share this also if possible, and take time to pray for one another.

Clarify:

Does anyone need clarity on something? Are there any big God questions you are wrestling with?

Celebrate:

Celebrate life's successes and God's provision. Worship God's presence. Time to brag about God.

KEY TAKEAWAYS