

2 TIMOTHY

Week 6: The Way of the Word (3:10-17)

1. Watch Video

2. Read for context

- a. Paul states in verse 11 that Timothy witnessed his persecutions at Antioch, Iconium, and Lystra. These events are described in Acts 13 & 14, but Timothy isn't introduced until Acts 16 when Paul chooses him to join him on his missionary journeys. Timothy then would have already witnessed Paul's faithful endurance prior to officially becoming his disciple.
- b. The "sacred writings" Paul alludes to in verse 15 are the Old Testament (the Law & the Prophets).

3. Discuss

- a. Read 2 Timothy 3:10-17.
 - i. What is one thing that sticks out to you the most from this passage and why?
 - ii. Paul begins with the words, "You, however". In contrast to whom is he encouraging Timothy to live his life?
 - iii. Consider the list Paul provides in verses 10-11. How much of Paul's discipleship of Timothy involved teaching with words and how much was by his own example? Discuss.
 - iv. What is the personal lesson and challenge for you from these verses?
 - v. Reread verses 12-13. What do you learn from these verses and how do you feel about what Paul expresses?
 - vi. Why must godly living and persecution go hand-in-hand?
 - vii. Reread verses 14-15. What are the two factors that have been instrumental in Timothy's upbringing and spiritual development?
 - viii. There is a danger in discipleship of being either all about the person doing the discipling or all about the scriptural text. How does Paul lay out a holistic model for discipleship?
 - ix. 2 Timothy 1:16 is one of the most pivotal verses in all of Scripture. Why is that? What do you learn from this verse?
 - x. How does verse 17 balance out knowing with doing? What do you learn from this for yourself?
- b. **Application:** What is your "action item" from this week's study? Write it down and share it with your life group.

4. Preparation for next week (choose one)

- a. Step: Memorize 2 Timothy 3:16-17
- b. Walk
 - i. Memorize 2 Timothy 3:16-17
 - ii. Using a study Bible for background information and content, choose a book of the Bible and present to your group how that book uniquely illustrates what 2 Timothy 3:16 is claiming.
- c. Climb
 - i. Memorize 2 Timothy 3:16-17
 - ii. Invite someone to walk through a book of the Bible with you. Commit to following through beginning no later than January 2021.