

2 Timothy 3:10-4:8 Reflection & Group Questions

Personal Reflection and Application:

Reread the passage above and answer the following questions:

1. What is the bible for? What common ideas have people had about what the bible is for? How does your answer to this question effect what you expect from the bible? How does your answer compare to verses 15-16 (see also John 5:39-40)?
2. The main personal application in 3:10-17 is to remain faithful to (or “continue in”) the bible and its Christ-ward application to our lives. In what ways might you be tempted to skip over Christ in your application of daily bible reading and “insert yourself” or your ideas into the text often times without realizing what your are doing? Give an example of how this may be done?
3. What is a big temptation for people (including church people) in 4:3-4? How might the appropriate use of God’s word in verse 3 heighten that temptation? Describe for yourself ways this *temptation* shows itself for you?
4. What hope in verse 8 is held out to all faithful people, not just preachers? Is your heart hardened to or embracing of this reality? Talk to God about what you are realizing; how can seeing these passages as an invitation to faithfulness, affect your prayer to God right now?

Group Discussion Guide:

**Reread the passage above and select which items below to discuss. All of them are *optional*.
Group Leaders please consult your leaders guide in the weekly email.**

1. Take turns sharing answers to the first half of question 1 above.
2. Reread 2 Timothy 3:10-17 & 4:1-8. As a group come up with **a one-sentence summary** for **each** of the two parts of today’s passage. Do our two sentences work well together? If not, let’s edit them to reflect not only what each section says but also their connection (realizing that each section is part of the context of the other).
3. The main call in 3:10-17 is to faithful endurance in gospel-use of the scriptures both personally and for ministry. How might this section change what we expect out of personal devotional bible reading?
4. Take turns sharing answers from questions 3 and 4 above?
5. What insights resonated for you personally this week from 2 Timothy 3-4? What remaining questions do you have about these passages?
6. List reasons why we should be thankful to God for preserving these passages for us.
7. Close in prayers of thanksgiving and asking for the Holy Spirit’s help to treasure Christ from his word.