

Sermon Based Study - Gateway Groups, Merced

"Bond Together/Grow Together"

For the week of January 24, 2021

FOR YOU AS THE TEACHER/HOST

Please keep in mind that the purpose of this curriculum guide is to cultivate a deeper relationship with the Lord and each other through conversation that intentionally engages the weekly message. Discover which questions make for good discussion as the Holy Spirit leads. Not all questions are required to be asked.

QUICK REVIEW

Look back over your sermon notes from this week's teaching. Discuss the message briefly. Was there anything you heard for the first time, caught your attention, challenged or confused you?

***OPENER QUESTION OR ACTIVITY:** Discuss who the people in your life are who know the Bible best. Short of going to seminary, why do you think they are so good at understanding and living it out?

MAIN SCRIPTURE TEXT: 2Timothy 2:14-3:9

DIGGING DEEPER - Take some time and read through 2Timothy 2:15-19 together.

(Review this week's passage and discuss some deeper questions related to it.)

1. What would you say Paul's main emphasis is to Timothy, a young pastor, in these 5 verses? What's his "Big Idea"?
2. Sunday, Spence Boelter shared how great disciple-makers point people to Jesus ... they rely on the Bible, and handle it correctly. As a group, discuss how you could restate verse 15 another way?
3. Have you ever been stumped with a portion of the Bible and not known how to "handle it correctly"? What did you do in that moment to find the right answer? Does the fear of "knowing the Bible accurately" have anything to do with why it's hard for some people to disciple someone?
4. Do you see yourselves as being disciplined while in this small group and if so, what are the reasons the accurate study of God's Word is important to your life? **Let your leader know how much you appreciate their preparation for teaching you!**
5. As a group, list some ways any Christian can learn to handle the Bible accurately.
6. Don't disregard Paul's warning in vs. 16. How does "godless chatter" take us off our goal and away from how we should be discipling people? "What can we do as a group to hold ourselves accountable to avoiding godless chatter, especially when we are together?"

APPLY IT TODAY

1. Looking back over this week's lesson, what is most important for you to remember and why?
2. Generation 3 people are looking to disciple another using the Bible accurately. Name one way to be sure you will hold to accurate teaching and can be bold in your discipling?