

LifeGroup Study SheetJune 22nd, 2025 – 2 Timothy 3:1-9 – The Last Days

This guide is designed to give helpful hints in preparing for your group discussion.

Quick Review

Look back from your sermon notes – Was there anything that particularly challenged you from this sermon? Anything you didn't understand, agree with or connect with?

Introduction

What was the last thing you were waiting for “to come to an end?” Maybe it was a certain season of life, maybe it was a diet or exercise plan, maybe it was a job. Why did you want that to come and end?

Digging In

Question 1: Read 2 Timothy 3:1. Paul is praying that Timothy would see how the godlessness and breakdown of society will produce difficulty for him personally and his ministry. Paul uses the phrase “last days” in this verse. This phrase in the Greek is “eschatais hemerai” which was inaugurated at Pentecost in Acts 2. Paul is reminding Timothy that we are already in the “last days” and what to prepare for. How does this reminder give you a proper perspective when you see evil in this world? How should it give you a sense of urgency? Paul is likely telling Timothy that what seems foolish and abnormal is “normal” for these times. How does this still apply to us today?

Question 2: Read 2 Timothy 3:2-5. Paul takes time to list the attributes and characteristics of people who are without Christ in the “last days” and people who were opposing Timothy and Paul’s ministry. Notice that in this list vices start with misdirected love when it comes to “self, money, etc.” and then ends with “lovers of pleasure rather than God.” All of us need to know what is true and real around you. Is this helpful information for you? What can we do when we are wary of people who exhibit these qualities yet remain hopeful and encouraged by Paul’s words?

Question 3: 2 Timothy 3:6-9. Pastor Jeff asked the question, how should we as Christ-followers live in the last days? He gave 6 different ways from this passage that we should look at in our own life:

1. Contemplate your own spiritual condition
2. Choose to live by faith
3. Cling to the Scriptures
4. Clearly communicate Jesus and the Gospel
5. Cry out to God in prayer
6. Celebrate God is the Sovereign King

Which one of these principles come the easiest for you to practice in these “last days?” Which one of these is the most difficult for you to put into practice? How can these sobering reminders of the timetable of Christ’s return help you?

Praise / Prayer Requests

Pray for your group with these things in mind:

Adoration – How can I praise God for what this teaches me?

Confession – What sin can I confess because of what this teaches me?

Thanksgiving – How can I thank God for what Jesus has done?

Supplication – What do I need to ask of God in order to grow in light of this?