

July 6th, 2025 – 2 Timothy 4:1-8 – Wind, Waves, Word of God

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

Do you remember a time when you were a kid, where your parents told you that they'd be watching you in how you acted or behaved? Or maybe they would get a report on how you acted? How did it make you think about your behavior?

Digging In

Question 1: Read 2 Timothy 4:1. The first thing that Pastor Jeff talked about from this passage was this idea of Jesus' presence always being around us. Part of God's nature is His omnipresence – which means God is ever-present. Paul's charge to Timothy is to remind himself and everyone that God is always aware of how we are living, AND that God will ultimately judge us on how we live our life. What is God seeing when He watches you? If Christ will judge believers for their faithfulness to living out the implications of the Gospel, how can you be reminded to be focused on His Kingdom (v.1)?

Question 2: Read 2 Timothy 4:2-3. Pastor Jeff asked the question – How will Jesus judge us? The first thing we see in verse 1 is **“do we preach the Word?”** Pastor Jeff noted that just because Timothy was a pastor, this calling is not just for people in pastoral ministry – but for all Christ-followers. How do you speak to people about the Word of God with the platform the Lord has given you? How are you preparing “in season and out of season?” In what ways do you guard yourself from unsound doctrine?

Question 3: 2 Timothy 2 Timothy 4:4-6. The last two ways that the passage shows us that Jesus will “judge us” by are – **“Do we persevere in hardship and proclaim the Gospel.”** Paul shows us in verse 5 we will “endure suffering” and in verse 6 “be poured out as a drink offering” that hardship is expected as a disciple of Jesus. Paul uses sacrificial language (ex. Genesis 35:14) to show that he is laying his life down for the purposes God has given him! How do you look at the hardships God allows you to go through for the sake of obeying Christ? Do you ever disobey Christ's commands to avoid hardship? How do you regularly proclaim the Gospel? How do you talk to people about the good news that Jesus has saved you with?

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| Praise / Prayer Requests |
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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?