



### Discussion Guidelines

The **Sermon Discussion** questions are designed to help facilitate the small group conversation to focus on application of God’s word based on the sermon. We live in a day where bible information is rampant yet we are having little to no impact on our culture and society. What we lack is the application of the bible information in our lives (James 1:22-25). These questions will help your small group create a context for people to share, change and grow together. Remember, there’s level ground at the foot of the cross and we have more in common with each other than we do with Jesus. Be gracious and known for your love for one-another (John 13:34-35; Galatians 6:1-2).

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➤ **Read 2 Timothy 2:1-26 and Review** the Sermon Outline and the main points.

Paul’s last words and what he thinks we need to know in order to stay focused on what matters most

1. Recognize how powerless you are (v1-2)
2. Stop looking for some spiritual “secret” that eliminates struggle and launches you into the “Zone” (v3-6)
3. Never settle into a cold but correct doctrine that no longer stirs you (v8-10)
4. Dig into your bible but don’t get sucked into useless arguments that don’t lead to changed lives (v14-16; 23)
5. Refuse to make peace with your greatest enemy – you own sinful desires (v22-23)
6. Serve God but don’t try to be God (v24-26)



- **Reflect and Ruminare:** *Of the main points given in the sermon, which one(s) resonated with you the most and what is your manner of life in relation to these things?*
  1. “The only strength we have is the grace we get from being in an authentic relationship to Jesus Christ.” On a scale of 1-10, how authentic is your relationship with Jesus? What would it take to move that number 1-2 spots in a positive direction?
  2. “We’re not an army of one.” Who are you pouring into to so they can “go on and do things better” than you are doing right now?
- **Replace:** *Based on what you shared above, is there something God is calling you to repent of and change as a result of the sermon? (Eph 4:22-23).*
  1. Is there a “useless” argument you’ve been holding on to as more important than love and unity? How do you live out: “major on the majors; minor on the minors and in all things love?”
  2. The word “flee” (v22) is where we get the English word ‘Fugitive’ and it means, “to continually run in order to escape capture.” What are you running from now to escape capture and how are you pursuing something better in place of it? The day we quit running from our sin is the day we become snared to it.
- **Renew:** *What practical step(s) of obedience could you implement in your life this week as it relates to the area of your life you want to change? (Eph 4:24).*
  1. Have you allowed your doctrine to get pushed into “cold storage” to pull out when you need to win an argument? How can you instill doctrine with doxology that leads to worship and warmth?
  2. Is there someone you’ve been trying to “argue into the Kingdom?” If so, what can you do to make things right with them this week? How can you let God be God until He grants them repentance?
- **Request:** *How can the group can pray for and encourage you this week in regards to these things. (Gal 6:2; Heb 10:24-25).*
  1. A soldier, athlete and farmer all work past the point of exhaustion even if they don’t feel like it. Which describes you more: “I’m exhausted” or “I could put effort and sacrifice into the Christian life?” Share how we can pray for you as it relates to your answer?
- **Remember:** *It’s easy to forget how the Gospel applies to your life. Your identity in Christ is greater than any sin committed against or by you.*
  1. How can you apply the gospel in your current circumstances and situation in life as a result of the sermon? (Galatians 2:20; 2 Cor12:9-10).