

Hamilton Road Baptist Church

House Group Notes

Wednesday 16th of March 2011

Theme: The charge to continue in the gospel.

Introduction: Paul, still lying in the depths of the earth in a prison cell, paints Timothy a picture of the world he was living in and what would lie ahead of him. We live in a culture that rejects the gospel and the passage for study explains the godless and Christless society that we live in. However, we along with Timothy have model in Paul and ultimately Jesus Christ to continue in the gospel in the culture we live.

Bible reading: 2 Timothy 3:1-17 (Read three times)

1. Observation – After completing the first reading simply write down all the things you observed.

2. Interpretation – Having read the passage again, what do you think are the key points Paul is trying to communicate with Timothy in chapter three of this letter?

3. Application – On your third reading write down one or two things or verses that challenge you in your spiritual walk at present.

Discussion Starters

1. Paul described to Timothy what the culture of the 'last days' will look like, does (2 Tim. 3:2-4) sound like the culture and world that we live in?

2. The false believers in Ephesus had a form of godliness but denied it power (2 Tim. 3:5). In what ways can you and I manifest an outward appearance of godliness in our lives but deny the power of God in our own personal devotion?

3. Why should Timothy and why should we imitate the life of Paul?
(2 Tim. 3:10 / 1 Cor. 4:16-17 / 1 Cor. 11:1)

4. Paul outlined the purpose and goal of Timothy's life in the 1st century (2 Tim. 3:12). What is the goal and purpose of our lives in the 21st century?

5. Timothy was to continue learning and become convinced of what he was learning (2 Tim. 3:14)? How can we continue learning and then become convinced of what we are learning about Jesus Christ?

6. When should biblical learning begin? How important is it that the Bible should be taught in our homes with children, in our children's organisations and to have godly teachers to teach them?
(2 Tim. 3:15)

7. Where does the Bible come from (2 Tim. 3:16)? How is the Bible useful in your own life
(2 Tim. 16b-17)?

Verse to memorise

*"All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking,
correcting and training in righteousness"*
2 Timothy 3:16