

**Hamilton Road Baptist Church**  
**House Group Notes - Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> of April**

**Theme:** The charge to preach the gospel.

**Introduction:** “This was a serious moment, and Paul wanted Timothy to sense the importance of it. It was serious, not only because Paul was facing death, but even more because both Paul and Timothy would be judged one day when Jesus Christ appeared. It would do us all good to occasionally reflect on the fact that one day we will face God and our works will be judged.” (Wiersbe)

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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. Why did Paul charge Timothy to preach the Word (2 Tim. 4:2)? And how was Timothy to preach the Word in his culture (2 Tim. 4:2b)?

2. What does it mean to preach? Is preaching only performed from a pulpit? How many different ways can we communicate the gospel in our society?
  
3. Why is it that 'men will not put up with sound doctrine' (2 Tim. 4:3a)? What false teaching is infecting the church in our world today?
  
4. Was it easy for Paul and Timothy to preach the gospel in their generation (2 Tim. 4:5-7)? What things in our lives prevent us from sharing Jesus with our friends and family?
  
5. What incentive does Paul give Timothy to preach the gospel (2 Tim. 4:8)? Are we looking forward with anticipation to the return of Jesus Christ, and what effect should this have on our lives?
  
6. The great apostle Paul is extremely lonely at the end of his life, what had happened to him (2 Tim. 4:9-18)? Is our relationship with Christ better than the praise and adulation of the world we live in?

**Verse to memorise**

“Preach the Word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage—with great patience and careful instruction.”

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