



Centred on the Word

Passage: 2 Timothy 4:1–5

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Watch/listen: https://youtu.be/WQHccMFMQ_U

1. Talk

- What are you thankful for this week?
- What is causing you stress?
- Who needs our help? How can this group help them?

3. Read & Re-tell

- One person reads 2 Timothy 4:1–5 out loud while the rest follow along.
- Someone else retells the passage from memory. Others can fill in what's missing.

4. Look — What does this passage say about God, Jesus, or his plan?

Read the passage again, then discuss:

- What does verse 1 tell us about who Jesus is and what he will do?
- Paul charges Timothy “before God and Christ Jesus, who is going to judge the living and the dead.” Why does Paul ground this charge in Jesus as Judge rather than in Timothy's own authority or ability?
- What does verse 2 tell us God has given the church — and what is Timothy commanded to do with it?
- Romans 10:17 says faith comes through hearing the word of Christ. What does that tell us about how God chooses to work in people's lives?

5. Look Again — What does this passage say about people?

- According to verses 3–4, what will people do instead of enduring sound teaching?
- What does it mean that people will “have itching ears” and gather teachers to suit their own desires?
- What kind of preaching does Timothy have to do in verse 2 — and why might that kind of preaching be unwelcome sometimes?
- What does verse 5 call Timothy to do in response to all of this?



6. Inside Me

- According to this passage, what am I doing well?
- Where in my life have I gone looking for a message that only tells me what I want to hear – from a preacher, a book, social media, or even my own thoughts – rather than sitting under what God's word actually says?
- Is there a truth from Scripture I've heard but haven't yet let correct, rebuke, or encourage me? What needs to change?
- What's one specific thing in my ordinary week that would look different if I actually believed and obeyed this passage?

7. Who Else?

- Who in my life needs to hear this – that real hope doesn't come from a message tailored to their preferences, but from God's word rightly taught?
- How can I tell them, or who can I invite to study the Bible with us?