



# Discussion Guide

## **Let's Talk**

What's the best piece of advice you've ever been given?

## **Let's Study**

Read 2 Timothy 3:10.

- Paul urges Timothy to follow his example. What are five characteristics that he mentions in this verse? How may we cultivate these characteristics in our own lives?

Read 2 Timothy 3:11-12.

- Paul mentions specific persecutions he endured, ones with which Timothy would have been familiar (Acts 13, 14, and 16). Paul was repeatedly rescued by the Lord. Pastor Jon clarifies that, "Rescue does not mean to no suffering. Rescue does not mean everything is okay. Rescue means the power to endure - to carry on. It also means in the end, all will be right." How does this impact your perspective of God?
- Our Western society has not experienced persecution of the sort Paul experienced, but we are warned - even promised - that Christians will be persecuted. Is that your expectation? Why is it necessary to be realistic about this?
- Millions of Christ followers around the world are risking their lives to share the gospel. Discuss how we can stand with them.

Read 2 Timothy 3:13-15.

- Though false teachers and imposters will always be with us, there are some very practical things we can do to prevent them from influencing us and our beliefs. Discuss what that looks like and how our Connect Groups help us remain true to Scripture.



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Read 2 Timothy 3:16-17 and 2 Peter 1:20-21

- What does it mean that "Scriptures are God-breathed"?
- How do you feel about the word ALL scripture is God-breathed?
- Paul says the Word of God teaches, rebukes, corrects, and trains us in righteousness, equipping us to do God's work. How do we effectively cooperate with this process?

## ***Let's Apply***

Share your current Bible reading routine with one another. What is the greatest challenge you face when it comes to consistently reading and studying the Scriptures?

How would you help a person who says, "I've tried to read the Bible, but I don't get anything out of it."?

Romans 15:4 reads, "For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through the endurance taught in the Scriptures and the encouragement that we might have hope." How has this series on Timothy helped you to find endurance, encouragement, and hope in the midst of suffering?

## ***Let's Pray***

Paul's prayer from Ephesians 3:14-21 is so powerful. Pray it over your Connect Group this week.