

Marks of a Useful Vessel

2 Timothy 2:14-26

Big Idea: Disciples of Jesus are set apart to know His Word and encourage others with its truth

- 1. Works hard in the Word
- 2. Rightly Handles God's Word
- 3. Set apart by God's Word

RESPONSE QUESTIONS

- 1. Ice Breaker: What has worked best for you to have a consistent and fruitful time in God's Word?
- Paul tells Timothy to work hard in ministry and in the Word (2:2). Why is working hard in the Word an important issue to Paul? What are the potential consequences in Timothy's ministry, and in ours, if we neglect this charge? (See vss. 16-18)
- 3. Do you have any goals in your Bible reading or adjustments you need to make (be specific)? What do you think Pastor Aaron meant by "aim low" and simply "start somewhere"?
- 4. We are also to work hard in community (See vss. `14-26). What does this look like and how is this idea related to working hard in the Word? (See vss. 20-26)
- 5. Paul talks a lot about being quarrelsome (vss. 23-24). What is the difference between being quarrelsome and having genuine questions or concerns?
- 6. We are not only to work hard at knowing God's Word, but God's Word is to set us apart. What does this mean both theologically and practically? (2 Tim. 2:19; Jn. 17:8 18-19)
- 7. What does it mean to not work <u>for</u> our salvation but <u>from</u> our salvation?