



Not Ashamed: Under Control

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Small Group Discussion Questions

Getting Started

Take some time to catch up and connect as a group. Pray before discussion. Expect God to move through your time together!

Pacing Your Group

Move quickly through “observation” leaving enough time for “reflection”, “discussion”, and “surrender.”

Scripture Reading

Re-read the scripture passages as needed when you discuss the questions.

Observation: *What does this scripture passage say?*

Take some time to look up and read: 2 Timothy 2:14-26

1. Summarize the main cautions, warnings, and principles about conflict and engagement given in these verses.
2. How does Paul describe an individual that is ready and prepared for God’s work?

Reflection and Discussion: *What are some first thoughts flowing from the scriptures?*

How do the scriptures connect to everyday life.

3. What troubles is the Church facing in this text? Are these troubles similar or different when compared to the Church today?
4. How are Christians hurting the reputation of Jesus, the church, and Christianity as a whole? What do you think of the phrase, “Christians are nothing like Christ”?
5. What tactics do those opposed to Christianity use when challenging our faith and beliefs?
6. What does it mean for Christians to win hearts, not arguments? Why is this important?
7. When have you engaged with an unbeliever/opponent in an undeniably positive way, perhaps experiencing “the gentle art” of winning a heart for Christ?
8. Identify some of the interactions of Jesus and how he demonstrated the “the gentle art” of winning hearts.

Surrender: *Responding to God’s voice.*

9. What is one thing God is saying to you through this study and discussion?

**** Take some time to pray for one another in response to what has been discussed today ****

We're here!

We would love to hear about how things are going in your life group!
Reach out any time with questions, ideas, thoughts, or concerns.

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A primary resource in compiling these questions has been the *NIV Life Application Study Bible* (Zondervan, 1984)