

SERMON SERIES: Expectations: Be Truthful
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Key Line

God calls us to know, live and speak His truth.

Introduction

Whose name is so well-known that when you hear it, you know exactly who they are and what they do?

A hard question, but if you were to die today, what do you think your friends would say about you? How about your family?

Seek the Word

(As review, Paul is in jail, writing to his friend, Timothy. Many believe that the next time Paul will leave the prison and see the sunlight, he will be walking to his beheading.)

Read 2 Timothy 4:1-5

- When should we be prepared to preach, encourage and rebuke? (*In season and out of season, which means at every opportunity.*)
- What will men come to desire? (*They will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear.*)
 - What do people do when they don't like what the Bible says? (*They find a book or teacher who will affirm that their choice are good.*)
 - What will they turn their ears to? (*They will turn away from the truth and turn aside to myths.*)
- What did Paul encourage Timothy to do? (*Keep your head in all situations, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, discharge all the duties of your ministry.*)

Read 2 Timothy 4:6-8

- What did Paul compare his life to? (*A drink offering*)
 - What did Scott teach about drink offerings? (*In the Old Testament, after they had burned a sacrificial animal, they would take a glass of wine and pour it over the top so the flames would blaze and the smoke would billow up to heaven. It was a symbol of a pleasing aroma/a pleasing life being lifted to God.*)
- How did Paul describe the end of his life? (*I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.*)
 - What did Paul say was in store for him? (*A crown of righteousness.*)
 - Who else will gain this crown? (*All who have longed for his (Jesus's) appearance.*)
 - What was he encouraging Timothy to do? (*Follow my example! Don't quit! Continue to walk in the truth!*)

Talk About It

Who are you spending most of your time with? What are you watching? Reading?

How do we walk in truth?

1. Start with the end in mind. What do you want your legacy to be?
2. Leave the past behind. What do you have to do to let go of the mistakes you made in the past?
3. Lean into God's word. Are you reading the Bible? Is there a plan you follow?
4. Don't walk alone. Who helps you be accountable to your faith?