



Sermon Discussion Guide

05.15.22 Message | Tyler Myers | 2 Timothy 3:1-17

Key Scriptures:

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

- Philippians 4:4-9

But understand this, that in the last days there will come times of difficulty. For people will be lovers of self, lovers of money, proud, arrogant, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, heartless, unappeasable, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not loving good, treacherous, reckless, swollen with conceit, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, having the appearance of godliness, but denying its power. Avoid such people. For among them are those who creep into households and capture weak women, burdened with sins and led astray by various passions, always learning and never able to arrive at a knowledge of the truth. Just as Jannes and Jambres opposed Moses, so these men also oppose the truth, men corrupted in mind and disqualified regarding the faith. But they will not get very far, for their folly will be plain to all, as was that of those two men.

You, however, have followed my teaching, my conduct, my aim in life, my faith, my patience, my love, my steadfastness, my persecutions and sufferings that happened to me at Antioch, at Iconium, and at Lystra—which persecutions I endured; yet from them all the Lord rescued me. Indeed, all who desire to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted, while evil people and impostors will go on from bad to worse, deceiving and being deceived. But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

- 2 Timothy 3:1-17

Message Highlights:

- The scripture that saves us is the scripture that sanctifies us.
- Scripture will stabilize and strengthen me when my world shifts or shakes.
- When we choose to submit to it, God's word protects, guides, transforms and restores.
- Allow this simple song to lead you in your biggest and smallest decisions amidst a shifting world: "Jesus loves me, this I know, for the bible tells me so."

Conversation Starter:

We have been looking more deeply into the song, "Jesus loves me, this I know, for the bible tells me so" for the past month. How has this classic song taken on new meaning for you throughout the course of the series?

Discuss the Message:

1. How would practicing Philippians 4:8-9 help you when your world shifts or shakes?
 - a) It sounds like a great idea to think about all that is honorable and lovely, however putting it into practice is easier said than done. Think back to a time when you were successful with this; what rhythms and practices helped you achieve such a mindset?
 - b) What does it mean to control what we were created to control and to release control of what was never ours to control?
2. What are we missing when we view the bible as a spiritual handbook rather than an invitation to converse, learn, dream, find comfort, challenge and experience life change?
3. What can we draw from 2 Timothy 3:14-15 by way of encouragement to invest well in the next generation?
 - a) In what way(s) could you have used more specific spiritual guidance as a child? How can you now be what/who you needed as a child to the next generation today?
4. What does God's word have the power to do when we choose to submit to it? Refer to 2 Timothy 3:16-17 as you answer.
 - a) What does it practically mean to submit to God's word?
 - b) Submission to God is the only way we will find true freedom in this life; discuss the ways this is counterintuitive to our culture today.

Pray:

Heavenly Father, we rejoice in your Son, Jesus, our Saving King! We thank you for the way you have kept your promise to never leave us or forsake us. We ask that you calm our anxious hearts and minds when the world around us is shifting and shaking. We do not want to be anxious about anything. We want to trust you in all things! Grant us, through your Holy Spirit, your peace that surpasses all understanding. Guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus! Help us to share that peace with those around us. Amen.

