



KEEP
CALM
AND ...

Small Group
APPLICATION QUESTIONS

“Do not merely listen to the Word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says!” (James 1:22 NIV)

SUMMARY

This week in our *Keep Calm And...* series, Pastor Tim Millsaps taught through 2 Timothy 1:13-18 with a challenging teaching for us to ‘hold fast’ to sound doctrine and one another. If these two pieces of biblical advice are overlooked/ignored, Christian foundations begin to crumble.

1. **Keep Calm and Hold Fast to Sound Doctrine [Vs. 13-14]**

- This has been a topic that we’ve discussed a few times in our sermon-based application questions in recent months as we’ve looked at both of Paul’s letters to Timothy. Why do you think that Paul emphasizes this so many times to Timothy?
- What were the qualifiers Pastor Tim laid out for something to be sound doctrine?
- “If doctrine is sound, it better have its intended effect on my life and the culture in which my life is lived.” – Pastor Tim Millsaps
 - How does doctrine affect culture & the life we live? What does that mean?
 - What is the *intended effect* that the Lord has for His Word in us?
 - What factors reduce, govern, or limit that *intended effect* in our lives?
- Read *Jeremiah 6:16*. Pastor Tim spoke about ‘old school’ Bible truths. How have we, as a culture, abandoned finding rest for our souls as it relates to Biblical truth?

APPLICATION

2. **Keep Calm and Hold Fast to One Another [Vs. 15-18]**

- How do you respond when others desert or disappoint you, as Paul was by Phygelus and Hermogenes? Share a specific example if something comes to mind.
- Onesiphorus was a *good* friend to Paul.
 - He *refreshed* Paul. What is the most refreshing and encouraging friendship you hold dear? How do you reciprocate?
 - He was *not ashamed* of Paul. When has someone unashamedly stood up for you or been there to defend you? Why do you think that happened?
 - He *sought* Paul out. Who is someone that fiercely matters to you, so much so, that you won’t let that relationship fade away and continually seek them out? Why?
 - He *ministered* to Paul. What does it mean to minister to someone? How do you know when *ministry* has happened amongst friends?

PRAYER

Pray for enduring Christian friendships that share and encourage sound doctrine together!

