

Home Group Questions

the week of 12/11/2011

2 Timothy 2:14-26

ROCK SOLID FAITH PART 4

GETTING STARTED...

This past Sunday, Pastor Mel continued his series on 2 Timothy, teaching on how to stay on course in your walk with Christ.

LOOKING IN THE WORD...

1. **Read 2 Timothy 2:14-26.** Pastor Mel focused on the fact that our love for Christ should motivate us to please God in everything we do and to enter into a process that changes us to be more like Christ as we serve Him each day of our lives.

- Verses 14-15 focus on the command to not quarrel about “words.” What do you think he means by that? (Especially considering the fact that he commands us to accurately handle the “Word” of truth.)
- What might be some examples of quarreling about words?

Verse 16 commands us not to partake in “irreverent babble.” What kind of talk do you think he is speaking about in that passage?

When we encounter “irreverent babble” in our culture, at school, or in the workplace, how should a believer respond in order to maintain his testimony to unbelievers without destroying relationships with unbelievers?

2. Verse 19 states that everyone who names the name of the Lord should “depart from evil.” How do you balance this statement with the fact that we are saved by grace and not by works?

Read James 1:19-27. Discuss this passage verse by verse and discuss some practical ways our lives must change if God is truly living in our hearts. (Doers as opposed to hearers only.)

3. **Returning to 2 Timothy 2:20-21**, the passage describes vessels for honorable and dishonorable use. Verse 21 challenges believers to “cleanse themselves.” What is that referring to in light of that fact that we have already been “cleansed” from our sins before God?

Sanctification, in at least one aspect of it, has been defined as “the internal spiritual transformation of the believer or the holiness of life which follows upon justification.”

4. Pastor Mel concluded with a list out of God’s Word for how to stay on course. The points were:

1. Not being quarrelsome. v. 23-24
2. Kind to everyone. v. 24
3. Able to teach. v. 24
4. Patient when enduring evil. v. 24
5. Gentle when correcting. v. 25
6. Hoping for the freedom of others v. 26

-Discuss the list above. Which one do you most identify with as an area that you could work on? What makes some of these points difficult to live out when surrounded by a culture that lives according to a different code of actions?

MOVING FORWARD...

Share ways in which you creatively put Christ at the center of Christmas. Pray for each other during this season.