

**SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE**  
2 TIMOTHY 3:1-9. • OCTOBER 9, 2022



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**WARM UP: Foundational Practice of Serving Faithfully**

This month, we are focusing on our foundational practice of **serving faithfully**. We put the Gospel on display as we serve others where we live, work, and play (Matthew 5:16). As followers of Christ, we serve our church, our city, and our world! Begin your time together with 1-2 people sharing how they witnessed another person serve faithfully this past week (at home, work, church, or in the community). How did seeing someone else serve stir your affections for Christ?

1. **Read 2 Timothy 3:1-9.** What stands out to you in this passage? What caught your attention in Mike's message?
2. Timothy 3:2-5 lists 18 qualities of false teachers and ends with the warning to "avoid such people." These people will have the exterior of godliness, but are wolves in sheep's clothing who are actively turning people away from God. How can we discern between false teaching and the truth? What experiences in your life have caused you to question or examine what was being taught—in what may have sounded truthful, but was a distortion of the truth?

"The greatest danger, the greatest threat, to Christianity is forms of Christianity that deny the power of Christianity—wolves in sheep's clothing."

- MIKE SLAYDEN

3. The danger of false teachers is that they deny the core tenets of the faith—denying the truth and power of the gospel. Read through The Well's Statement of Faith online at [thewellcommunity.org/about/statement-of-faith](http://thewellcommunity.org/about/statement-of-faith) and discuss the significance of each one. How did you first learn about the core tenets of the faith? Who has God used in your life to help build your biblical foundation and understanding of the gospel?
4. Mike reminded us that we cannot survive on one meal for the entire week. In the same way, we cannot survive on a Sunday sermon for our spiritual health and growth. We must actively pursue Christ each day, being self-feeders and not merely Sunday consumers. What does it currently look like for you to pursue Christ throughout the week? In what ways can your Life Group come alongside you and encourage you in your walk with the Lord?

**CLOSING CHALLENGE**

Spend a few minutes sharing prayer requests and praying for one another.