

SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE
2 TIMOTHY 2:14-19 • SEPTEMBER 25, 2022



WARM UP: Foundational Practice of Embracing the Gospel

We embrace the gospel at a point in time and over time. Our ability to suffer well is directly connected with our ability to remember Christ and embrace the gospel in our lives. Begin your time together with 1-2 people sharing how they are currently embracing the gospel in their lives. How are you enduring the Christian life by embracing the gospel? Be specific as you share both in your current circumstances and how the Gospel is helping you endure and find hope.

“Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.” Psalm 19:14

1. Just as in the days of Ephesus, our modern world is filled with various thoughts, ideas, and opinions. We can get “caught in the scroll” on social media, filling our minds with content, but not meditating on what is true. Paul challenges the audience to accurately handle the word of God and to avoid worldly and empty chatter. Bible hermeneutics is “the theory of biblical interpretation—its goals, methods, principles, and evaluative criteria used in interpreting Scripture.”¹ When did you first learn about Bible hermeneutics? What does it mean to accurately handle the word of God? How does hermeneutics help us avoid worldly and empty chatter?

OBSERVATION

2. **Read 2 Timothy 2:14-19 out loud in a couple different Bible versions.** What do you observe/see in this passage? Who is talking? Who is the audience? Spend a few minutes calling out what you notice in the text, staying curious and asking questions of the text.

INTERPRETATION

3. Brad described the difference between exegesis and eisegesis. Exegesis is when you find a text in its context and understand what it means, whereas eisegesis is when you take a text out of context and read your own meaning into it. Spend a few minutes re-reading 2 Timothy 2:14-19. What does this passage mean in its context? What observations can you make about what was being communicated to the original audience and to us today? How does this passage connect to Christ and the Gospel?

APPLICATION

4. How does this passage apply to your life?

CONCLUDING ENCOURAGEMENT

As you read your Bible, read *thoughtfully*, read *repeatedly*, read *patiently*, read *intentionally*, read *meditatively*, read *imaginatively*, read *telescopically*, and read *purposefully*. How can you pray for one another in being diligent with the Word—to read it, memorize it, meditate on it, study it, and discuss it—trusting that it is by the grace of Christ? Pray for one another as people share.

¹ Holman Illustrated Bible Dictionary, *Bible Hermeneutics*, (Nashville, 2015), 204.