
COMMUNITY GROUP GUIDE

Entrusted: Difficult Times

Passage: 2 Timothy 3:1-9

The Point: As we entrust the Gospel to others, we should expect difficult times.

Discussion Questions:

- **Intro:**
 - Why do you think we are surprised when we meet time of difficulty outside and inside of the church?
 - Why does Paul locate the difficulty in people (inside and outside the church) rather than in circumstances alone? How does that reframe our expectations for ministry?
- **What are the fruits of difficult people?**
 - Why is misplaced loves one of the main fruit of godless people?
 - Where do you notice culture discipling us into these loves? Where do you personally feel the pull most?
 - What are examples of having a form of godliness but denying its power? How can a church look active yet be spiritually hollow?
 - If someone looked only at your last two weeks (time, spending, screen, speech), what would they conclude you love most? What one shift would better align your loves with God?
- **What do these difficult people do?**
 - Paul highlights secrecy, preying on immaturity, and opposing the truth. What safeguards can our group/church have so spiritual “creeping” is harder?
- **Takeaway:**
- **1) Avoid**
 - Practically, what does avoidance look like when the person is a teacher/voice you follow? How can we discern if we need to listen to a certain teacher or not?
 - Why is guarding who spiritual influences us so important?
- **2) Repent**
 - What is the difference between religious repentance and biblical repentance?
 - How can we have a lifestyle of repentance?
 - What was your biggest takeaway from Sunday?