
COMMUNITY GROUP GUIDE

Entrusted:: Handle with Care

Passage: 2 Timothy 2:14-19

The Point: We must rightly handle the truth of the Gospel.

Discussion Questions:

- **Opening:**

- Think of something valuable you've had to handle carefully (a fragile gift, a family heirloom, a newborn, etc.). How does that picture help you understand what it means to "handle the Gospel with care"?
- Why are we called to handle the Gospel with care?

- **Theological Triage**

- This morning we walked through the theological triage. How could thinking in "tiers" (essentials / convictions / opinions / questions) help the Church maintain unity and faithfulness today?
- How does this help us to handle the Gospel with care?

- **Characteristics of a False Teacher**

- False teachers "overemphasize obscure things" and "underemphasize essential things." What are some modern examples of this happening in churches or online? How can we guard against doing the same?
- Paul says false teaching leads to "more and more ungodliness." Why does bad theology produce bad living?

- **Characteristics of a True Teacher**

- True teachers are "diligent and faithful." What are practical ways we can grow in diligence when it comes to studying or applying God's Word?
- Paul says we are to "present ourselves to God as one approved." Why is it important to focus on God's approval vs. man's approval when it comes to communicating God's word?
- What will it practically look like to "rightly handle the word of truth"?

- **Firm Foundation:**

- Paul ends with hope: "God's firm foundation stands." How does that truth give you confidence and peace when it feels like false teaching or cultural confusion is everywhere?
- Why does Paul remind us that everyone who names the name of the Lord is to depart from iniquity? How does depart from iniquity reveal that we are truly followers of Jesus?
- What was your biggest takeaway from the message?