

Week 40 – Questions to Consider

1 Timothy 6 & 2 Timothy 1-4

Fun Small Group Warm Up Question:

What is the best piece of advice you ever received?

1. Have you ever worked in a workplace where it has been hard to maintain a Christian witness or influence? What were some of the challenges you have faced there? Why is it important to treat your boss as “worthy of all honor” according to 1 Timothy 6:1? Why is that hard to do with some bosses? Why is it extra important to be good employees when working for a Christian boss or organization? (1 Timothy 6:2)
2. 1 Timothy started out with a warning about false teachers and finishes with a warning about false teachers in 1 Timothy 6:3-10. What are some ways to recognize false teachers? What are some false teachings you’ve noticed today? How do we protect ourselves from false teachers and false teachings?
3. Why do you think Paul encourages Timothy to “fight the good fight of faith”? (1 Timothy 6:12) What does that look like?
4. If someone gave you something valuable, how would you protect it during your lifetime? How would you protect it beyond your lifetime? What does it look like to “guard the deposit entrusted to you”? (1 Timothy 6:20). Why do you think this theme continues on into 2 Timothy 1:14? What are some ways the “good deposit” is described? Who passed on the “good deposit” to Timothy? How does this encourage you to think about your own spiritual legacy? How do you want to be more intentional?
5. Why do you think Paul refers to a Christian as a “good soldier of Christ Jesus”? (2 Timothy 2:3). How has this been part of your experience? How does this connect with the commands and truths within Ephesians 6:10-20?
6. Read 2 Timothy 2:5. How does this description help us to think about the Christian life? Compare it with 1 Corinthians 9:24-27. Who is the prize we are running after? What does spiritual “self-control” and “discipline” look like? Why is it so important and helpful? Read Hebrews 12:1-2 and connect its commands to the idea of life as a “race that is set before us.”
7. How does 2 Timothy 4:6-8 help us more clearly understand and apply this imagery of soldier, athlete, farmer to our own lives? What does it mean that genuine Christians have “loved His appearing”?

More questions at: www.southfork.church/2022-discussion-questions

How to Aim Accurately Into the Future

2 Timothy 2:2–7 (ESV)

1. Don’t Stop Listening to God’s Word

v.2 “and what you have heard”

2. Keep Faithful F _____

v.2 “from me”

3. Stay Connected in Church

v.2 “in the presence of many witnesses”

4. I _____ Spiritually in the Next Generation

v.2 “entrust to faithful men, who will be able to teach others also”

5. Stay Prepared for the Difficulties of Spiritual Warfare

v.3 “Share in suffering as a good soldier of Christ Jesus.”

6. Keep Your Eyes P_____

v.4 “No soldier gets entangled in civilian pursuits”

7. Keep Your Eyes on the Prize

v.4 “since his aim is to please the one who enlisted him.”

8. F_____ Faithfully According to God’s Word

v.5 “An athlete is not crowned unless he competes according to the rules.”

9. Enjoy the Spiritual Harvest of Spiritual Labors

v.6 “It is the hard-working farmer who ought to have the first share of the crops”

10. C_____ to Aim Accurately Every Day

v.7 “Think over what I say, for the Lord will give you understanding in everything.”

2 Timothy 4:18 “The Lord will rescue me from every evil deed and bring me safely into his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.” (ESV)

This Next Week’s New Testament Reading Plan:

Week 41: Titus 1-3 ~ Philemon ~ Hebrews 1

- **Hope & Purpose in Jesus:** www.southfork.church/jesus
- **Daily Verse by Text Message:** remind.com/join/sfbcdevo
- **Our Plan:** www.southfork.church/2022-bible-reading-plan

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v.4 “No soldier gets entangled in civilian pursuits”

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8. Finish Faithfully According to God's Word

v.5 “An athlete is not crowned unless he competes according to the rules.”

9. Enjoy the Spiritual Harvest of Spiritual Labors

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10. Continue to Aim Accurately Every Day

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