



2 TIMOTHY

STUDY GUIDE



SHEPHERDCHURCH

LESSON 4

NEVER LET GO OF GOD'S WORD

TO BEGIN

What would you like your epitaph to say about your legacy?

DISCUSSION PROMPTS

1. Share an idea from the video discussion that challenged or encouraged you.

2. Most people tend to imagine the zombie apocalypse or worse when picturing the end of the world. Yet, how does Paul characterize the last days in 2 Timothy 3:1-9? Give examples of how you see these things play out today.

3. We prioritize our immediate desires when we succumb to temptation — which brings out the worst in us. Out of the sins that Paul lists in 2 Timothy 3:2-4, which do you struggle with the most? How do you confront this struggle? How can the group pray for you?

4. The bookends of Paul's sin list in 2 Timothy 3:2-4 is "Lovers of themselves" (vs 2) and "rather than lovers of God" (vs 4). How are these 2 bookends related? How do they produce all the other sins in the list?

5. According to 2 Timothy 3:5, self-centered Christians and false teachers possess outward characteristics of spiritual individuals, but reject God and the transformed life that faith produces. Why is it easy for people to be hypocrites? What can we do to prevent our faith from degrading into “a form of godliness” without God’s power?

6. How does Paul describe false teachers in 2 Timothy 3:6-9?

7. After comparing the false teachers to the magicians who opposed Moses, Paul claims that false teachers' "folly will be clear to everyone" (vs. 9). How have you seen the folly of false teaching become apparent to everyone? Why does the foolishness of false teaching eventually reveal itself?

PERSONAL REFLECTION AND DEEPER STUDY

Each day this week, read 2 Timothy 3 in a different Bible version. You can also listen to 2 Timothy 3 in different Bible versions on the YouVersion Bible app.

Read Colossians 1:9-14 and consider memorizing it. Also, try praying these verses each day. How do these verses encourage you? How do the verses challenge you to continue living for Jesus?

Read Paul's other sin lists-- Romans 1:28-32; 1 Corinthians 6:9-10; Galatians 5:19-21; Colossians 3:4-10; and 1 Timothy 1:8-11. How do these passages compare with one another? How do they compare with 2 Timothy 3:2-5? What sins from 2 Timothy 3:2-5 are reflected in the other lists and which ones are not? Why do you think Paul includes these specific sins in 2 Timothy 3:2-5 but doesn't include certain sins from his other lists?

Read Joel 2:28-32 and Acts 2:17-21. According to these verses, what are the "last days"? When did the "last days" begin? After reading and reflecting on these verses, what are some other observations you can make about the last days?