How can this group support you in prayer this coming week?



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Overview

In his last words to his young protégé, Paul reminds Timothy that he has at his disposal, for his success in both life and ministry, God's great revelation, the Holy Scriptures. It is on this same sure foundation that we must build our lives of faith. The right understanding and application of Scripture is the source of our understanding of God, the gospel, and ourselves.

Engaging with each other

- 1. Thinking back to your high school or college experience, name a teacher/professor you greatly respected and who had a positive impact on your learning.
- 2. Now name a teacher/professor you didn't respect and whose class was a waste of time or worse.
- 3. What was it about these teachers that caused you to either respect or disrespect them?

Engaging with the Bible

1. In 1 Timothy 1:6-7 Paul warns Timothy that some people who lack integrity will desire to be leaders and teachers. How does Paul describe them? What is implied about truth in Paul's warning?

2.	Read the following verses and summarize what you think they teach about the purpose and importance of God's truth for our lives.
	1 Timothy 4:6-8
	1 Timothy 6:3-6
3.	2 Timothy 4:1-5 is Paul's final charge to Timothy. What is the core of his instruction Why do you think this is what Paul emphasizes?
Engaging with our lives	
1.	Read 2 Timothy 2:15 and 2 Timothy 3:14-17. In light of these verses, evaluate the role and importance of God's Word in your life.
2.	What are some steps you can take to improve your knowledge and application of the Word?