

Study Guide

Ecclesia Part 3

2 Tim. 1:13-2:2 & Titus 2:1-5

Big Idea: Church is a place of transformation

1. Scripture Informs us

1. Read 2 Timothy 1:13-14:

13 *“What you heard from me, keep as the pattern of sound teaching, with faith and love in Christ Jesus. 14 Guard the good deposit that was entrusted to you—guard it with the help of the Holy Spirit who lives in us.”*

Discuss the following ideas:

- A key mode in which God’s word travels is through people.
- God’s word is superior to human words (2 Tim. 3:16; Matt. 24:35; Psalm 19:7; Heb. 4:12; Psalm 119:9; Psalm 119:105; Psalm 119:11; Heb. 5:12).
- We should work to “guard” it. (v.14)

John 8:31- “...continue in my word...truly disciples...”

Acts 2:42- “...devoted...”

Titus 2:1- “...must teach...sound doctrine...”

1 Tim. 4:16- “Watch your ...doctrine closely...”

Titus 1:9- “...must hold firmly...”

2. Grace Transforms us

Read 2 Timothy 2:1

“You then my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus.”

What does it mean to you to “be strong in grace”?

Have you ever had someone who seems to have it all together quote a Bible verse to you and tell you the solution to your problems? Why are we most inspired by people who don’t pretend to have it all together? How does the grace of God humble us and make us effective in mentoring others?

3. Maturity Re-forms us

Read 2 Timothy 2:2 & Titus 1:1-5

2 Tim. 2:2

“The things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable men who will also be qualified to teach others.”

“Teach the older men to be temperate, worthy of respect, self-controlled, and sound in faith, in love and in endurance.” 3 “Likewise, teach the older women to be reverent in the way they live, not to be slanderers or addicted to much wine, but to teach what is good. 4 Then they can train the younger women to love their husbands and children, 5 to be self-controlled and pure, to be busy at home, to be kind, and to be subject to their husbands, so that no one will malign the word of God.”

Give examples of how we watch and imitate experienced people.

Why is intergenerational mentoring so valuable? From the list, what are your favorite attributes in older men and older women? Why?

4. Application

Do you currently mentor someone? Do you currently have a mentor? Is there someone who comes to mind you could make a connection with? Take a few minutes to pray through the concepts that scripture informs us, grace transforms us, and maturity re-forms us.

Message Slides

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A. It travels through people

B. It is superior to human words

1. God-breathed- 2 Tim.3:16 “All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness,”

2. Commanding- Gen. 1:3- And God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light.

3. Eternal- Matt. 24:35- Heaven and earth may pass away, but my words will never pass away.
4. Perfect- Ps. 19:7 The law of the LORD is perfect, refreshing the soul. The statutes of the LORD are trustworthy, making wise the simple.
5. Active- Heb. 4:12 For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.
6. Purifying- Ps. 119:9; How can a young person stay on the path of purity? By living according to your word.
7. Guiding - Ps. 119:105 Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path.
8. Protecting- Ps. 119:11- I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you.
9. Nourishing - Heb. 5:12- In fact, though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you the elementary truths of God's word all over again. You need milk, not solid food!

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C. Be Humble about it!

D. Guard it! (2 Tim. 1:14)

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John 8:31 "So Jesus was saying to those Jews who had believed Him, 'If you continue in My word, then you are truly disciples of Mine.'"

Acts 2:42 - They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching

Titus 2:1 - You must teach what is in accord with sound doctrine

1 Tim. 4:16- Watch your ... doctrine closely

Titus 1:9- He must hold firmly to the trustworthy message as it has been taught

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