

IMPACT GROUP QUESTIONS

KEY PASSAGE: JAMES 4:1-10

Opening: What truths impacted you most from the sermon/passage?

INFORM THE HEAD / STIR THE HEART

Please read 2 Timothy 2:20-26

1. Please compare 2 Timothy 2:20-21 with James 4:1-4. How would you describe the behavior of the people James was talking to in his letter? Would they be like the vessels for honorable use or dishonorable? Please explain your answer.

2. What kinds of youthful passions become obstacles to pursuing righteousness, faith, love, and peace?

3. Why do you think Paul is encouraging Timothy to pursue the things listed in vs. 22 “along with those who call on the Lord from a pure heart,” and how have you seen this as a problem when someone was not pursuing the Lord with other like-minded believers?

4. If we're not supposed to get involved in foolish, ignorant controversies, how should we handle disagreements over issues with other believers?

5. From vs. 24-26:

a. What evidence do you see that we are not to enable others to continue in their sin?

b. What evidence do you see that we are not to enable others to continue in their sin?

c. What is the goal given for being “kind to everyone, able to teach, patiently enduring evil, correcting opponents with gentleness”? How does that differ from our sense of responsibility for other people’s behaviors?

d. How is that goal different than self-protecting?

Please read Ephesians 6:10-12

6. What schemes do you see the devil using to get believers to fight against each other?

7. What truth from this passage puts our struggles with other people into perspective?

8. Vs. 13-18 follow this passage with explaining the armor of God, which all correlates with the gospel. What perspective does the gospel give to how we handle struggles, friendships, and fights?

CHALLENGE THE WILL

Based on what you learned from the study, or read in the passage, what actions/focus do you need to pursue in order to draw closer to the Lord and to seek restoration in relationships with others in your life (i.e. Stop fighting in the flesh, knowing that selfish wants are destructive; Choose friends wisely, knowing that God opposes the proud; Start fighting spiritually, by submitting to God and then resisting the devil)?

WEEKLY READING PLAN

Monday, March 2 // Philippians 4:1-9

Agree in the Lord

Tuesday, March 3 // 2 Timothy 2:14-26

Pursue righteousness, faith, love, and peace

Wednesday, March 4 // Romans 8:1-17

Set your mind on the things of the Spirit

Thursday, March 5 // Ephesians 6:10-20

Be strong in the Lord

Friday, March 6 // James 4:11-17

Stepping Through Other’s Sin