

FAITHFULLY FOLLOWING JESUS

DINNER TIME DISCUSSION:

What does hearing these words "Well done, good and faithful servant" evoke in you?

GOSPEL IN EVERYDAY LIFE:

Embrace the truth or engage the culture - which one comes easier to you? How will you strengthen the other?

RESOURCES:

Each week we publish a podcast called Cabin Conversations where a few folks from Woodlands staff discuss and reflect on the weekend's sermon. New episodes are released each week on Wednesday.

Check them out:
woodlandschurch.org/podcasts

DEVELOPING DISCIPLINES:

Pray for specific opportunities to bring truth to a situation in our culture this week. Be bold and take them when they come.

MEMORY VERSE:

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

Hebrews 12:1-2, ESV



Leader Resource Guide

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SERMON NOTES

2 Timothy 4:1-8

1. **EMBRACE** the Word.
2. **ENGAGE** the World.

COMMUNITY BUILDING

As we head into April soon, how are you preparing your heart for Easter?

Unfaithful. Is there a relationship or responsibility in which you have been unfaithful? Do you need to seek forgiveness from anyone? From your Heavenly Father? How can you start anew?

CHRIST CENTERED DISCUSSION:

1. As we continue to think about the word “faithful” this week, does God’s faithfulness differ from our faithfulness? In what ways?
If you defined the word faithful last week, this is your opportunity to refine your definition.
2. What does “embracing the truth” mean? How do you do that?
Embracing the truth necessitates that truth is accessible to you, but it takes more than just accessibility to embrace it. To embrace something requires action. What can you do to embrace Scripture more fully and deeply? Consider ending the discussion of this question with a prayer - that the Spirit might press the truths found in Scripture deeply into all of our lives; to bring to mind the truth we study as we face our days.
3. In 2 Timothy 4:2, what are the ways that Paul charges Timothy to use God’s word? Do you use God’s word like that?

4. In a recent sermon, Pastor Matt talked about two deep wells of wisdom: his word and his people. 1 Timothy 3:15 says that the church is the “pillar and buttress of the truth.” In what ways are you tapping into these wells as you embrace truth?
LifeGroups are one of the main ways we use to discuss the truths being presented on Sunday mornings. How are we doing as a group at focusing on and studying the truth? The truth supports and shapes us inwardly as we gather together as smaller groups and outwardly as we step out of the church to engage the culture.
5. There is a real danger in going to engage the world ill-equipped (without the truth) resulting in being engulfed by it instead of engaging it biblically. Where have you experienced this? How do you ensure that you are equipped to engage the world well?
The easy answer is within the question above: by being transformed by God’s word and God’s people. Dig into how we are changed by God’s word. By God’s people. Identify the sticky points here - have you struggled to see God’s word or his people transform you? Why? There might be simple solutions here (regularly engaging with church life and God’s Word), and this might lead to some underlying hurts (hurt by the church or lived experience that have seemingly fallen short of what he’s promised). Be real, listen well and lean in to the Spirit to help you determine the path forward, and pray.
6. What do you do when you hear something that you know is in conflict with the truth in God’s Word? As you seek to engage the culture, what reminders does 2 Timothy 2:24-26 offer for your conduct?