

# YOU NEED BIBLICAL PREACHING AND TEACHING

## 2 TIMOTHY 4:1-4

### CHURCH GROUP SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE – SEPTEMBER 11, 2022

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#### BIBLICAL PREACHING AND TEACHING

(From *12 Traits of a Biblical Church*)

A church is characterized by biblical preaching and teaching. The church regards the Bible as the supreme, controlling authority over all that it believes and does, and the life of a church is saturated with faithful Bible teaching. Such teaching is central to the weekly gatherings of the church, and it consists of the exposition and application of Scripture. A church holds to the inspiration, inerrancy, authority, sufficiency, and clarity of Scripture, and interprets each text of the Bible responsibly in context. Preaching the whole counsel of God across all of Scripture is non-negotiable to the life of the church. We stand in awe of God's Word, we are formed by it, and we hold fast to it.

#### SCRIPTURE READING

##### *2 Timothy 4:1-4 ESV*

*1 I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingdom: 2 preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching. 3 For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions, 4 and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths.*

#### SERMON RECAP

You need a biblical church that you are a part of.

1. A biblical church is a group of people who commit together to be and do all that God says a church is and does.
2. If you are a faithful member of a biblical church (i.e., a church that is and does what the Bible says a church is and does), then you will experience life to the full.

You need a biblical church that preaches and teaches the Bible.

1. A church hears God. (cf. Genesis 1:26-30, 2:16-17; Deuteronomy 4:1-8, 6:6-9; 2 Chronicles 34:14-21; John 1:1, 14; Mark 1:38; Acts 2:41-42, 4:4)
2. A church preaches and teaches the Word of God. (cf. 2 Timothy 3:16-17, 4:1-4)
3. A church lives according to the Word of God. (cf. Deuteronomy 4:12, 5-8, 6:4-9)

#### ICE BREAKER QUESTION

Our lives are being shaped by messages, by words, in ways that we all know. Considering your regular life rhythms, what are some sources of the words that you commonly experience?

#### DISCUSSION QUESTION

1. Read 2 Timothy 4:1-4 aloud as a group. Take some time to let group members share observations about the passage.

- What does the text indicate about the people and culture in the context surrounding this passage? (2 Timothy 4:3)
  - In that context, what are the people turning away from? What are they turning toward? (2 Timothy 4:3-4)
  - Who is speaking in this passage? To whom is he speaking? What are the grounds of the speaker's words and authority? (2 Timothy 4:1; cf. 1 Timothy 1:1-2, 2 Timothy 1:1-2)
  - What charge is the speaker giving to Timothy? Why is the speaker exhorting Timothy in this way? (2 Timothy 4:2)
2. How would you explain or summarize today's passage in your own words?
  3. Consider the entire grand narrative of Scripture. From the beginning of the Old Testament through the end of the New Testament we see that God speaks to His people and His plan for His people is for them to hear from Him, obey His commands, and live life to the full.
    - Why do you, personally, need to hear the Word of God taught, even when it's not easy to hear? (2 Timothy 3:16-17)

## **APPLICATION QUESTIONS**

### ***How can we apply this passage to our lives?***

1. What are the common, captivating passions in the world today that hold people's attention and are given authority in/over lives?
2. Recall the sources of the words and messages that you commonly experience. What 'authority' do those sources and their words carry? Is their 'authority' worthy of your attention and your submission? Why or why not?
3. What words are most worthy of your trust? What words are most worthy of your time? Why? What are the grounds and authority that make those words worthy?
4. Read Deuteronomy 6:4-9. In what ways might our words and life teach others and talk of the LORD our God? In what ways might they distract others from the LORD our God? How might you pursue His Word and His assembly further so as to be increasingly transformed into greater proclamations of His Word and reflections of His light in the world (1 Peter 2:9)?
5. As you break into huddles or smaller groups of 3-4 people of the same gender for more specific prayer, consider asking some personal accountability questions. You might ask things like:
  - How have you managed your time this week?
  - How have you guarded your eyes and ears this week?
  - Are there specific sources of words and messages that you need to remove (or lessen) from your life?
  - Do you regularly sit under biblical preaching and teaching of God's Word? If not, what should you do to change that?
  - Are there ways we can hold each other accountable to live faithfully this week?

## **LEADER NOTES**

### ***Church Group Leaders, please share the following information with your Church Group members:***

1. INTENTIONAL PARENTING CONFERENCE – All Locations Invited

Parenting is a challenging, delightful, heart-wrenching journey that can feel profoundly overwhelming and lonely at times. Parents need guides who understand the world of their children. Join us on September 23-24 as authors, speakers and counselors David Thomas and Sissy Goff come alongside us on this journey! Visit [This Link](#) to register for the conference. Childcare will be available onsite for MBC families both Friday evening and Saturday morning for an additional \$20 per family. The link to childcare registration is sent after conference registration is received.

2. CHRIST AND ROMAN CATHOLICISM, OCT. 7 - All Locations Invited

There are an estimated 1.3 billion Roman Catholics worldwide, and you may have grown up in a Roman Catholic household or have Roman Catholic friends and family. Understanding Roman Catholic theology and practice can be difficult and make sharing the gospel challenging. Join us on Friday, October 7 at 6:30PM at MBC Tysons, Comm. C, to hear from a partner and church planting pastor from Rome, Italy, who will answer good, difficult questions about Roman Catholicism. You will leave better equipped to understand and effectively engage your Catholic friends and relatives with the gospel. We need a tentative headcount, so please [RSVP here](#) if you would like to attend.

3. We invite you to go to [mcleanbible.org/biblereading](https://mcleanbible.org/biblereading) to find the Bible reading plan we use as a church, and resources like the Pray the Word podcast that will help you to listen to, learn, trust and obey the Word of God.
4. Visit the [Global Outreach Weekly Prayer Focus](#) each week to learn about an unreached region of world and the ways we can join together in prayer for them. You can see the full 2022 Global Outreach Prayer Guide [HERE](#).