

Bible Study Week 10 (Last of this series, new one starting next week)

Personal Bible Study

Day 1

Read: 2 Timothy 2: 14-26

1. What is it that the young Timothy has to strive for in his congregation? What was his battle about? (Verse 14-18)
2. What was his comfort in this difficult time?
3. How is the believer supposed to act in this battle for the truth?
4. To what extent is the following a snare for the believers everyday? "Stay clear of pious talk that is only talk. Words are not mere words, you know. If they're not backed by a godly life," How do you keep that in mind?

Day 2

Read 2 Timothy 3: 10-4: 5

1. What does the true follower of Jesus Christ have to keep in mind at all times?
2. What is the answer Paul gives Timothy that is meant to be his safeguard during the battle he is involved in?
3. Think about the exceptional qualities of the Word Of God that is described in verses 16 and 16?
4. Is the Bible kept and appreciated like that in your congregation?
5. How big is the role the Bible plays in your life?
6. What are the apostle instructions to his young friend? How do these instruction come into their own in your life and in your congregation?

Day 3

Read 1 Corinthians 10: 1-13, Hebrews 2: 18, 4: 15-16

1. What do you see as temptation? Is it the same as sin?
2. What does the believer has to be careful of? (1 Co. 10: 12) What does it mean?
3. What is the Christians responsibility in temptation? (2Tim. 2: 22, Gen. 39: 12, Mat. 4: 1-11)
4. Which truths are being said about temptations in 1 Co. 10:13, Heb. 2: 18 and Heb. 4; 15-16? What comforts the Christian in these pieces of scripture?

Day 4

Read Genesis 39

1. Of what was Joseph, as a believer, sure of while he found himself in a strange country as a young man? In what did his safety lie?
2. Take note of how he was being tempted (especially verse 10.) Would you say Joseph shrugged it all off easily?
3. How did he act in this regard? What is a lesson to you in this regard, what speaks to you?
4. What do you think of the battle young people find themselves in these days? Think especially of religion and moral dilemmas?

Day 5

Read 2 Samuel 11: 1-12: 13

1. Would you say that idleness gave David the opportunity to give in to temptation and to fall into sin? (11: 1-2)
2. What are all the things David did to hide his sin? (Take note of how the one sinful deed leads to another.)
3. Where did David end up after God, through Nathan, exposed him as the culprit?

Day 6

Read 2 Timothy 4: 6-22

1. What is Paul's great joy at this stage, at the end of his life, considering the battle he had to fight in life?
2. What is it he can look forward to now?
3. How will you be able to answer questions, as those above, concerning your life? Is possible that you might be a Demas-Figure?
4. Can you great your daily battles with the same amount of trust as Paul could?

2Ti 4:22 God be with you. Grace be with you.

Group Bible Study Week 10

Read Ephesians 6: 10-20

Verse 10:

And that about wraps it up. God is strong, and he wants you strong.

This is the strength you receive from living in a close relationship with Christ.

Verse 11:

So take everything the Master has set out for you, well-made weapons of the best materials. And put them to use so you will be able to stand up to everything the Devil throws your way.

The armament supplied by God. These weapons Paul proceeds to name.

Verse 12:

This is no afternoon athletic contest that we'll walk away from and forget about in a couple of hours. This is for keeps, a life-or-death fight to the finish against the Devil and all his angels.

The Devil and his angels that is ruling this world in it's fallen state.

Verse 13:

Take all the help you can get, every weapon God has issued, so that when it's all over but the shouting you'll still be on your feet.

Take your place, armed with the weapons, ready for the fight. You have to be aware of the case that there is a battle to be fought and that you have to take it serious.

Verse 18:

In the same way, prayer is essential in this ongoing warfare. Pray hard and long. Pray for your brothers and sisters. Keep your eyes open. Keep each other's spirits up so that no one falls behind or drops out.

Pray with the guidance and influence of the Holy Spirit.

1. What are the implications of the command given to the congregation and the individual in verses 10 and 11? How can we give it the necessary attention in our lives?
2. What is revealed here concerning the behavior of the enemies of Christ? (Compare 1 Peter 5:8)
3. Discuss the following in the light of question 2. The believer is not fully aware of the reality and power of evil in this world and is therefore not aware enough that there is a battle to be fought here.
4. Have a look at the individual weapons God supplies us with and discuss the practical use of these weapons in the life of the congregation as well as in everyone's personal live.
5. Who are the people that have to be prayed for? Why is it essential?
6. What role of prayer in the building of the congregation? How is the preaching and pastoral care supposed to be?