

Taking it Home

- For several years at Bethel we've said our values are authenticity (being real), availability (being ready) and accountability (being responsible). Pastor Andy's message and this text give us an opportunity to talk about those values. What application did you draw from the message about what it means to be available to God?

- Some mistakenly believe that to be an approved workman of God they need to have all of the answers all of the time. One person recently shared how they were told if they didn't know Greek and Hebrew they were unqualified for God's work. How is this idea dangerous? What information do you think is most important to know for you to be an approved workman, not ashamed according to 2 Timothy 2:15?

- It is hard to be available when you aren't even approachable. Pastor Andy shared a personal story of how someone was available to him in his time of need. That person made the relationship safe. He was approachable. What character qualities do you see in the text that make someone more approachable?

- God's Word, God's Holiness, and God's Heart produce within us the character of Character of Christ. What about this message and this study do you hope will become a part of your life such that you live a legacy you want to leave?

Community at Bethel

There are a number of ways for you to be in community at Bethel. We encourage you to discover where you fit and commit to living in meaningful community. If you need help connecting, please contact us at 701.232.4476 and let us pray with you, encourage you and help you find your place in the family of God at Bethel Church.

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Living the Legacy You Want to Leave
2 Timothy 2:14-26

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Notes:

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At Home Study Guide

For the week of October 18, 2015

2 Timothy 2:14-26

Quick Review

Last week we learned to be strengthened in the grace of Jesus as illustrated by the faithfulness of a soldier, athlete, and farmer with an eternal perspective. We express this by passing on our faith to those who will also be faithful. Paul further illustrates faithfulness with the image of a worker, a vessel, and a servant. In each, Paul emphasizes that God uses the one who is available to do His work. Just as a worker should do his best to present himself as one who is approved, without shame, so too should the Christ follower work to handle the Word in such a way that she is not ashamed. Just as some vessels in a large home are created for special use, so too are followers of Jesus set apart to be used by God for His purposes in this World. As the servant is available to serve the purposes of his master, so too the follower of Jesus must be available to serve God in such a way that honors Him. The values of the servant must reflect the values of the master. God has created you and me, rescued us from sin, and set us apart to do His work in such a way that many will be rescued from the snares of the evil one. The rescued become the messengers for the rescuer. As ones who are available to God, we are privileged to share His love with those needing rescue.

My Story

- Did anything surprise you or especially stand out from the message on Sunday?
- Do you have any dishes or special items in your house that serve a special function for you? How do you treat these items differently than your normal dishes?
- In what ways have you been available to God's work recently? How have you been stretched in your ability to trust Him?
- Where have you seen God at work in your family this week?

Growing Deeper

- Read 2 Timothy 2:14-26. Notice the three images of worker, vessel, and servant. What do you find are similar between these images and what is different? Why do you think Paul used three images instead of just one?
- Make a list of must's and must not's you see in 2:14-26:
- What does Psalm 119 tell you about the value of God's Word? How is that correlated to Paul's instruction to Timothy in this section?
- Contrast 2 Timothy 2 with 1 Timothy 2. What is repeated in the second letter? Why is this significant for Timothy?
- How does knowing that the political environment is hostile to Timothy and followers of Jesus influence your understanding of 2:22-26?