

Scripture Guide - 2 Timothy 2:14-19

Read the passage. List some of the ways that Paul describes the effect of false teaching. In your own experience, how have you seen false beliefs lead to destructive results?

Vs. 14 - The word “remind” is in the present tense in the Greek, which carries the idea of a continual action. In other words, this could be translated “keep on reminding.” Paul is concerned that Timothy keep on reminding people of the good news of Jesus. How can we keep on reminding the people in our lives of what God has done for them?

Vs. 15 - Paul tells Timothy to “rightly handle the word of truth.” This verb contains the idea of “cutting straight” or of “making a straight path.” How does God’s word give us a straight path in life? How have you seen this in your life?

Vs. 17 - There is something about false teaching that is like a spreading disease. Paul uses the vivid image of gangrene, a disease that causes parts of the body to die because of loss of blood supply. How can one person’s wrong convictions spread to others? How can those convictions keep us from receiving the life that Jesus gives?

Vs. 18 - The false teachers that Paul was fighting were teaching that the resurrection had already happened. Why is this belief so important to Christianity? How would you live differently if God wasn’t going to resurrect our bodies and redeem our physical world?

Vs. 19 - Paul speaks of a foundation that is sealed - this idea of a seal was a mark that was placed on something to show who it belonged to. Here Paul mentions two different phrases that are “seals” on Christians, marks of their true ownership. Why do you think Paul mentions these two seals? What truths in Scripture have reminded you that you belong to Jesus Christ?