

SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS

The following questions are for discussion in your small group. As disciples, our goal is to obey the Word, not just listen to it preached (James 1:22). Therefore, the questions lean towards application of the biblical teaching we get during the sermon. We hope you are able to consider and answer these questions prior to your group meeting time. These questions may also be good for family discussion times.

1. Share any interesting stories from this week about how you used the BEST wrist-band for speech or prayer.
2. Read 2 Timothy 2. Review the seven role analogies that Paul uses to teach Timothy. If you did the pre-small group assignment, how does your list compare with Pastor Dave's list?
3. Read 2 Tim 2:20-21; Luke 5:12-13; Titus 2:14; Heb 1:3; James 4:8; 1 John 1:7; Rev 7:14. Answer the following questions:
 - a. Who purifies us?
 - b. Come up with a brief explanation of who does what in making us clean.
4. Read 2 Timothy 2:22-23. What things did Paul warn Timothy to flee from and pursue so that he would have a pure heart?
5. What can we do to increase or decrease God's love for us (Rom 5:6-11; 8:38-39; 1 John 3:1)? How does that relate to pleasing God (Rom 8:8; 1 Thess 4:1-2; Heb 11:6)?

Break into gender groups to discuss the following:

6. Which of the seven principles is most relevant to your current spiritual walk, or did the Lord speak to you about any of them? Based on your answer, choose at least one of the following:

Son: Who entrusted truth treasures to you? Who are you entrusting with truth treasures?

Soldier: What things tend to entangle you? How can you become untangled? What is the motivation that Paul gives for us to do that untangling?

Athlete: Read 1 Cor 6:9-10; Gal 5:21. What tempts you to "break the rules"? How can you win without being disqualified?

Farmer: As a hard-working farmer, how do you organize your life to feed your own soul, to keep your heart fresh and full?

Workman: What does it mean to correctly handle the Word of Truth? Are you doing your best to do that? Why or why not?

Vessel: What things do you need to be purified from in order for the Lord to use you better as a "vessel of honor"?

Servant: Read 2 Timothy 2:24-26. What are the qualities we need to gently correct someone? Why do those qualities promote repentance? How is this relevant to you?

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- I. **Son:** **Entrust** to others what's been **invested** to you. Acts 16:1-5; Luke 2:49;
John 5:19; 15:10; Jer 35:1-19;
II Kings 10:15-23;
John 15:15; 17:6-8;
II Tim 1:13-14; Jude 3;
Eph 6:4
- II. **Soldier:** **Endure hardship** to **please** the One you follow. Eph 6:10-17; John 8:29;
II Cor 5:9; Eph 5:10; Col 1:10;
II Thess 2:15; Matt 6:33;
Matt 13:22; II Tim 4:10
- III. **Athlete:** **Win** the **prize**, don't **break** the **rules**. I Cor 9:24-27; 10:1-11;
I Cor 6:9-10; Gal 5:21
- IV. **Farmer:** **Eat** from the **crops** you **grow**. Prov 24:30-34; James 5:7-8;
I Cor 9:9a; I Tim 4:16
- V. **Workman:** Be **diligent** to present yourself **approved** to God. II Cor 5:10; Rom 14:10-11;
I John 2:28
- VI. **Vessel:** **Purify** yourself for **honorable** use. Luke 5:12-13; Titus 2:14;
Heb 1:3; James 4:8;
I John 1:7; Rev 7:14
- VII. **Servant:** **Demonstrate** the **character** that promotes **repentance**. I Kings 10:4-5; Gen 44:3-10;
Rom 2:4