



Sermon Discussion Questions

Sermon Series: @theWord
Sunday, January 23: Training in Righteousness
2nd Timothy 3, Mark 23
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Go around the group and talk about things in which you have been trained.

What is the most difficult training you have been through? What all was involved?

Today, Mitch gave us the background of the passage we have been memorizing.

Read all of 2nd Timothy 3

In 1-5, Paul talks about people that have "a form of godliness but denying it's power." *What do you think he is talking about and why is this dangerous?*

Where have you seen this type of "religion" today?

In 6-9, we hear about people that are 'always learning but never able to acknowledge the truth.' *Who are people like that today?*

Paul says to "stay away" from these types of people. *Of all the description given in these verses, which ones do you need to stay away from the most and why? Which ones tempt you the most?*

Paul's description of this person is not a person that is tempted with these things but people who would have their entire life defined in these ways. *Who comes to mind for you in this description?*

Paul's call to Timothy is to be different! *When you think about Christians being called to be different, what comes to mind? Good or bad.*

When are you most tempted to think and act like those around you?

In verses 10-15, these are the ways that Paul knows his life has to look different. *Which of these describe you? Which of these do you hope would describe you?*

Paul basically tells Timothy that you cannot obtain godliness without persecution. Persecution in our time is not the same as in Paul's situation. But Christians even in America are persecuted in different ways. *What are some of those ways?*

Where and why do you avoid persecution? How can persecution make you godly?

The main thing that Mitch challenged us with this morning is to not leave out training in righteousness as we are being taught, corrected and rebuked by the Scriptures. *What were the dangers he mentioned in leaving out the training?*

Read Matthew 23 and as you read it, stop and highlight the woes that Jesus gives. *What are the issues he has with the Pharisees and teachers of the law?*

How have they avoided training in righteousness? What have they replaced it with?

What training in righteousness are you going through now? After hearing his sermon, are there places of training you recognize now that you may not have realized as training?

What places of training are you avoiding? Why?

Where are places that you know you need training in righteousness?
As you close, speak 2 Timothy 3:16-17 to one another again. Ask God to train you!