



2 Timothy 2:14-19

Applying the Text

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- **Reflect on people you know who are missing joy of a relationship with Jesus**



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