

# Scripture this week:

## 2 Timothy 2:20-26

<sup>20</sup>Now in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and silver but also of wood and clay, some for honorable use, some for dishonorable. <sup>21</sup>Therefore, if anyone cleanses himself from what is dishonorable, he will be a vessel for honorable use, set apart as holy, useful to the master of the house, ready for every good work. <sup>22</sup>So flee youthful passions and pursue righteousness, faith, love, and peace, along with those who call on the Lord from a pure heart. <sup>23</sup>Have nothing to do with foolish, ignorant controversies; you know that they breed quarrels. <sup>24</sup>And the Lord's servant must not be quarrelsome but kind to everyone, able to teach, patiently enduring evil, <sup>25</sup>correcting his opponents with gentleness. God may perhaps grant them repentance leading to a knowledge of the truth, <sup>26</sup>and they may come to their senses and escape from the snare of the devil, after being captured by him to do his will.

## Setting Captives Free

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God has chosen to use us to help others experience the life transforming beauty of the gospel, to help them be freed from Satan's bonds. In order to most productively help them escape, we are to get rid of those qualities that would diminish our effectiveness.

**We are to get rid of our immature tendencies.**

**We pursue the Ongoing Spiritual Transformation that flows from pursuing Jesus.**

**Our Ongoing Spiritual Transformation will be expressed in how we relate to others...**

**God will use us to help others be freed from Satan's grasp to become His children.**

## Notes:

### *Life Group Questions:*

#### 2 Timothy 2:20-26

1. As you look back through 2 Timothy chapters 1-2, what have been some of the major themes Paul has been emphasizing so far?
2. Summarize in your own words what you think Paul means in 2 Timothy 2:20-21. How do people become more '*useful to the master*'?
3. What is the '*good work*' that this passage is talking about? In what way does personal purity impact the accomplishment of this '*good work*'?
4. What has helped you at various stages in your spiritual journey '*flee*' from sinful passions and '*pursue*' righteous living? Are there any specific practices or spiritual disciplines that come to mind?
5. How would you categorize/group the various encouragements Paul gives to Timothy in vv. 22-25? What part do we play in living out these encouragements and what part does God play?
6. When applying these encouragements in your life, which is harder for you: to avoid engaging in controversies, to not be quarrelsome, to be kind to everyone (even people you don't like that much), to teach others effectively, to exercise patience when confronted with evil, or to correct others in a gentle way? What might help you grow in this specific area?
7. What is one thing you could do this week to put yourself in a better position to be used by God to lead others to the truth found in Jesus?
8. How can the Life Group be praying for you as you seek to remain pure and ready for the good work God has called you to accomplish?