



Home Teams

DISCUSSION GUIDE

BETTER TOGETHER

March 10 & 11, 2018

NOTE: This discussion guide is intended for groups who have already gone through the Better Together Home Team Study in Fall 2017. If you have not, your leader will provide you with the study when you meet.

Grow Wise

BETTER TOGETHER: WEEK 2 • 2 TIMOTHY 3:14-17

🕒 Big Idea

Small group dynamics facilitate biblical understanding and wisdom.

📄 Read & Discuss Answers

Write notes and prayers on the back

OPENING QUESTIONS

1. With a new car, appliance, or machine, some prefer to read all/most of the instructions while others prefer to dive in and hope to figure it out by trial and error. Which do you prefer? Can you recall a time when this has not worked out very well?
2. Was there anything in this weekend's message that you strongly agreed with, disagreed with, or left you confused?

IN THE WORD

1. [2 Timothy 3:16-17](#) tells us that scripture is like an owner's manual—useful for many things, including to make us “thoroughly equipped for every good work.” What do you think this last phrase means?
2. Two contrasting lifestyles are compared in [2 Timothy 3](#); those whose “folly will be clear to everyone” in [verse 9](#), and the believer's “way of life” in [verse 10](#). Their lives and actions demonstrated what they truly believed. In the light of what you believe, are you able to identify areas in your life/actions in which you might be:
 - foolish, hypocritical, or inconsistent ([verse 9](#)), or
 - Christ-like and having integrity ([verse 10](#))?

3. [2 Timothy 2:15](#) encourages us to do our best to understand and handle God's Word; he stops short of requiring perfection! Are there any obstacles that discourage you from pursuing this goal?
4. Read [Acts 17:10-12](#). Having just come from Thessalonica, Paul and Silas encounter Jews who are noble. These Jews openly and eagerly read the scriptures together to see if they are compatible with the events and message of Jesus. In what way(s) would this give them an advantage over other new believers?

MAKING IT PERSONAL

1. In your experience, is reading/learning the scripture together in a Home Team different from reading it privately? If so, how?
2. Have you been hesitant or insecure in reading or understanding the bible, now or in the past? Is there something that you or others can do to minimize barriers to your growth in this area?
3. [Proverbs 24:5-6](#) reminds us that others can be extremely helpful in nudging our lives in a successful direction. Have there been others in your life whose counsel, wisdom, or advice has been especially influential?
4. Learning and applying God's Word with a Home Team requires both sharing and listening. Do you find it more challenging to listen thoughtfully to others or to share your thoughts with them?
5. Is there something your Home Team can do to encourage each other to grow in biblical understanding and application?

CONTINUED LEARNING

Pathway's website (pathwaychurch.com/devotionals) and/or mobile app (pathwaychurch.com/app) provides links to daily devotional readings that explore some of the themes in this week's discussion guide. This week, read them and compare some of the thoughts with your small group discussion.

Notes & Prayers



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