

LIFE GROUP APPLICATION QUESTIONS

2 Timothy Series

These questions are for the **July 7, 2024** message, "In the last days." Please read the sermon passage (2 Timothy 3:1-9) together out loud.

Passage Outline

AS WE CONSIDER GOD'S DESCRIPTION OF THE LAST DAYS, NOTE . . .

1. The understanding we need to possess. (1)
 - a. Last days: the extended days between the Christ's first coming and second.
 - b. In the last days, the intensity of difficult times will ebb and flow. We should expect it.
2. The counterfeits we need to recognize. (2-5)
 - a. People will turn "love" upside down.
 - i. Loving themselves (2), money (2) and pleasure (4).
 - ii. NOT loving the 'good' (3) or God (4).
 - b. These people will be spiritual and even 'religious,' but denying its power.
 - c. What should we do? "Avoid them."
3. The tactics we need to resist. (6-7)
 - a. These creepers prey upon the vulnerable, worming their way in under camouflage.
 - b. The church has an obligation to protect the vulnerable.
4. The outcome we need to expect. (8-9)
 - a. God is sovereign over his church, and over all things.
 - b. These false teachers "will not get very far" and their folly will be "plain to all."

Life Group Discussion Questions

1. Based on #1, above: Believers should not expect ease and comfort. In what way have you learned to truly expect difficult days? How are the days more or less difficult at other times? In other countries? How does the expectation of difficulty bring you strength?
2. Based on #2, above: The counterfeits are described in terms of what they love. How is the definition of love at the core of our culture today? In what ways have a warped definition of love seeped into some Christian circles? What should true believers do?
3. Based on #3, above: Scams and schemes about money and doctrine will lead some people into immorality and others to feed ungodly passions. In what ways does this put you "on guard?" Is there someone that you are actively protecting / monitoring?
4. Based on #4, above: True believers will simply not be led astray by these false teachers. Discuss this. How has it worked out in history? How has it worked out in your life? How does this encourage you?