



Sermon Discussion Guide


Habits of Grace: Rediscovering the Book

2 Timothy 3:14-17

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Step 1: Reflect on the Text

Why do we do this first? We always want to start with the Bible. The goal is to meditate on the Word and read it with an ear sensitive to the Holy Spirit's promptings. Look for words or phrases that stand out through logic, repetition, layout, etc.

-  Read 2 Timothy 3:14-17. What stood out to you? What did you find interesting and/or important? What was challenging or caused you to have questions?

Step 2: Reflect on the Sermon

INTRODUCTION

- 1 The new sermon series is "Habits of Grace". What are some of the habits that the sermons are going to cover? Which one excites you, or do you feel in need of, the most?
- 2 What was your one big/main takeaway from the service? If someone had arrived as everyone was leaving, and they stopped you in the parking lot and asked, "What was the sermon about?" what would you have said?

THE PEOPLE OF THE BOOK

- 3 Did you grow up in a family that read the Bible? Who first taught you to love God's Word?
- 4 Are you teaching your children and/or grandchildren to love the book? If so, how are you doing it? Do you read the Bible yourself? What challenges or excuses keep you from making a daily habit of reading the Word of God?

- 5 How is Christianity like a relay race? What practical things could this generation of believers at SRPC do to pass on the faith to the next generation?

THE PURPOSE OF THE BOOK

- 6 In your own words, what is the primary purpose of the Bible? What happens to the gospel when people make the primary message of the Bible, “This is what you should do”?
- 7 How does Christian meditation differ from meditation in Eastern religions? What are the benefits of Scripture meditation and memory? Have you ever made a concerted effort to memorize Scripture?

THE POWER OF THE BOOK

- 8 Why is the Word of God powerful? Why is reading the Bible different from reading any other text?
- 9 What was the message of Ezekiel’s vision? How does it apply to your life?

Step 3: Final Reflections

- ✠ How has your understanding, appreciation, and love for Jesus and the gospel grown as a result of this study?
- ♥ In what areas of faith and practice are you feeling convicted by the Holy Spirit to act as a result of this study?