

# Point Group Notes

Message from 10/20/24

## Getting to know you...

1. What's your *worst* "my alarm didn't go off" story?
2. What's the most 'unready' you've ever been for something, and how did you creatively (or hilariously) recover?

**Quick Review – Have a look at your sermon notes from last week. What stood out to you the most? Did you learn anything new? Did anything said leave you with any questions?**

## Digging Deeper...

In **2 Timothy 4:1-5**, Paul reminds Timothy to stay faithful in his ministry. He tells him to preach the Word, no matter the circumstances, and to correct, challenge, and encourage people with patience and solid teaching. Paul then warns that there will come a time when people won't want to hear the truth and will chase after teachers who tell them what they want to hear (*sound familiar?*). Even so, Timothy is charged to stay level-headed, push through tough times, keep sharing the gospel, and fully live out his calling as a servant of Christ.

In other words, Paul is telling Timothy to stay *ready and focused*. No matter what comes next. This idea of "staying ready" was a significant takeaway this weekend; Paul *just so happened* to be presented with a wonderful opportunity to share the gospel, and he was **READY!** Let's read 2 Timothy 4:1-5 together and see what the Lord has for us this week.

### **2 Timothy 4:1-5** ESV

I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingdom: <sup>2</sup>preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching. <sup>3</sup>For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions, <sup>4</sup>and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths. <sup>5</sup>As for you, always be sober-minded, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.

1. What is the purpose of this "charge" from Paul to Timothy?



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2. Paul didn't just tell Timothy to do something for his health... He had reasons! What were some of the reasons listed in the text?
3. Paul was particular in reason and method when it came to the preaching of God's word. He also included a warning. What was that warning? Do you think it's important for someone sharing the Truth of God's word to heed this warning? (*hint: it's a fruit of the spirit*)

## What does this all mean...

1. Paul started this by saying, "With God as my witness." Why do you think he was so passionate about this charge?
2. What is the "word" that Paul wants preached? Define "The Gospel".
3. Put v5 in your own words. What does this look like for *you*?

## Taking it Home...

1. How have you personally been guilty of V3-4? What truth of God's word is hard for *you* to hear?
2. How does remembering that we've all sinned and fallen short help us lovingly and patiently (v2) share the Gospel with the people God has placed in our path?
3. What does "being ready" look like for you? Are you ready? What would Hampton Roads look like if we were all putting this passage into practice daily?
4. How can we pray for you as you work to apply what you've learned this week to your life?

