

# SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE / MARCH 3

## TO APPLY, NOT REHASH, THE SERMON

### Read

Read 2 Timothy 4:1–22 and consider making some observations about the passage.

### Sermon Recap

In the space below, write down the primary truths that stood out to you from the passage and the sermon.

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### Group Discussion

1. Which key points from the sermon resonated with you personally? How do they challenge or affirm your current beliefs or behaviors?
2. The Apostle Paul is writing to Timothy, a church leader. What do we learn from this passage about what we should expect from church leaders? What temptations does Paul warn Timothy against?
3. What desires might cause us to turn away from the truth and go find teachers who tell us what we want to hear? How can we guard against our own desires as well as against false teachers?
4. What does this passage teach us about Christ and his second coming? What should our attitude be when we think of Christ's "appearing" (verses 1 and 8)?
5. In the letter's conclusion (vv. 9–22), Paul requests companionship and greets many people by name. What do we learn about the significance of community?

### SCRIPTURE

- Paul's word to the elders at Ephesus:**  
"Be on guard for yourselves and for all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood. I know that after my departure savage wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; and from among your own selves men will arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after them."  
- Acts 20:28–30 (NASB1995)

### PRAYER

- Pray for our church leaders to embody the integrity, perseverance, and dedication Paul outlines, asking God to guard them against the temptations of complacency, false teaching, and personal ambition.
- Ask God to refine our desires, aligning them with his truth, and to grant us the discernment to seek teachings that challenge and grow our faith, rather than merely echoing our own opinions.