

Perspective: Enduring
2 Timothy 3:10-17 Discussion Questions

1. What are some examples of sports, instruments, hobbies, or projects you have started and quit? Why did you quit?
2. In this passage, Paul is encouraging Timothy not to quit the faith but to endure. What are some specific examples of how we see this in this passage?
3. Have you ever been tempted to give up on the faith? What were some of the reasons you were tempted to quit? What were some of the reasons you didn't quit?
4. One key for enduring is to understand the challenge, or why we might be tempted to give up. What are some consequences if we don't understand the challenge?
5. A second key for enduring is to understand the necessity of enduring. What are some of the consequences if we don't recognize the importance of enduring?
6. Paul says, "all who desire to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted" (3:12). Jesus said, "If they persecuted me, they will also persecute you" (John 15:20). What does this mean? What if we don't experience persecution?
7. Another key for enduring is to follow the right examples. In 2 Timothy 3:10, Paul reminds Timothy of his (Paul's) example. Is this arrogant? Could you say to someone, "follow me as I follow Christ?"
8. In 2 Timothy 3:14, Paul reminds Timothy of his grandmother and mother in order to encourage him to endure (see 2 Timothy 1:5). Why do many kids leave the faith and the faith practices of their parents? How can we prevent this?
9. Why is it helpful to look at the examples of other Christians in order to endure? Have you ever been encouraged by the story/testimony of another Christian who endured?
10. A fourth key for enduring is to value God's word. How/why would valuing the Bible help us to endure in the faith?
11. Have there been helpful strategies you have learned and use to read God's Word for life change?
12. What does 2 Timothy 3:16 mean? Why don't we think of God's written word as being as authoritative as if God were speaking audibly to us?
13. The last key for enduring is to look to Jesus. What are some ways that correctly interpreting the Bible points us to Christ?
14. Why would looking to Jesus motivate us to endure?