

1. The Challenge to Timothy; _____ the Word
2 Tim. 4:2a

2. The _____ for _____ the Word

a. Because Jesus is _____
2Tim. 4:1

b. Because there is a great _____ for it
2Tim. 4:3-4

c. Because it is Timothy's _____
2Tim. 4:5

d. Because Paul would soon be _____
2Tim. 4:6

Next Step:

What is the ministry that God has called and equipped you to do. Something that if you don't do it, it will not be done.? Today, rededicate yourself to fulfilling your ministry.

REFLECT

(ri'fлект) – To think carefully and deeply about something

That's the goal of the word of God: to learn and understand it through study. Use these questions to help you dig deeper and personally apply what you're learning.

LOOKING BACK

- 1 Where did you sense God speaking to you in this message?
- 2 Read 2Tim. 4:1-5: Discuss your initial thoughts of this passage and summarize it in your own words
- 3 Paul mentions the return of Christ and his kingdom as a reason for Timothy to fulfill his ministry to proclaim the Word. Discuss whether or not you think we use the return of Christ as an incentive to fulfill our ministries. Why or why not?
- 4 In verses 3 and 4 Paul gives reasons why proclaiming the Word is necessary. What reasons do you see for proclaiming the Word in our own time? How do today's reasons compare with the reasons Paul gave Timothy?

5 In verse 5 Paul tells Timothy to fulfill his ministry. If Paul were writing to you, what ministry would he tell you to fulfill? What about if Paul were writing to your group?

6 Did your group identify a month where you could serve as greeters on Sunday morning? Have you let Pastor Mike know what month that is and who will be responsible each week of that month?

PRAYER