

Family Theme | **The Power of Scripture** Date | **May 24, 2026**

Study Text | **2 Timothy 3:1-17**

Read the Word: 2 Timothy 3:1-17

Disciple Your Family: Discuss living according to God's Word, even if it means persecution and difficulty.

Discuss the following Key Truths and how to apply them to life. Use the questions to spark discussion.



Key Truth: People's Sin Will Make Life Difficult as We Watch for Christ's Return (2 Timothy 3:1-9)

APPLY: Don't be surprised when life is difficult in a sinful world.

- *Why are times difficult and perilous when sin runs rampant? (We face the natural consequences of sin; most people are selfish and hurtful; God sends judgment; etc.)*
- *Paul said these sinful patterns will characterize the "last days." How does knowing this shape our expectations for the world we live in?*

APPLY: Guard your heart and home from the sinful influences of the world.

- *How can constant exposure to sinful attitudes and behaviors slowly dull a believer's sensitivity to what is right and wrong?*
- *What practical steps can you take to guard your heart and home from sinful influences?*

APPLY: Seek to share the gospel with the world and with false teachers. They might believe in Christ and be saved.

- *How can we reach out to and influence sinful people without being influenced by them? (Don't condone or agree to participate in their sin; live out the difference Christ makes in your life; treat them with love and respect; etc.)*
- *How do we discern when to engage culture and when to draw clear boundaries, according to the principles in this passage?*



Key Truth: Believers Will Face Suffering and Persecution as They Live by God's Inspired Word (2 Timothy 3:10-17)

APPLY: Follow the examples of godly people.

- *What qualities in Paul's life made him a trustworthy example for Timothy to follow? Why do those qualities matter when choosing spiritual influences today?*
- *Who has modeled godly living for you? What have you learned from them?*

APPLY: All who live for Christ should expect some measure of suffering and persecution.

- *What forms might opposition take in everyday life for believers today, even when it is subtle rather than severe?*
- *How can remembering Paul's example of endurance encourage us when we experience opposition for our faith?*

APPLY: Have confidence that the Bible is the inspired and infallible Word of God. Knowing and obeying it equips us to live holy lives and to serve God.

- *What does it mean that God inspired the Scripture?* (The Scripture was given to us by God; the Holy Spirit supernaturally guided and directed the writers to record exactly what He wanted so that the Scripture is without error; etc.)
- *In what ways does learning Scripture equip us for following and serving God?* (We learn what is true and right; it confronts us when we get off track and helps us get back on track; it prepares us for whatever God has in store for us; etc.)

Build a foundation: Discussion questions for elementary age students.

- What does it mean that all Scripture is inspired or breathed out by God?
- How can following Psalm 119:11 (*storing God's Word in our hearts*) help you avoid sinning against Him?
- What are some ways you have used Scripture to help you say "no" to Satan and his temptations?

Work together to memorize the Verse of the Month: **2 Peter 3:18.**



Discuss This Week's Building Block:

The role of the pastor is to be the main preacher and teacher of the church and exercise oversight for the church.

Everyday Extras:

Take an empty water or soda bottle and lay it horizontally on a table. Take a small piece of wadded up paper towel or paper (about half the size of the opening of the bottle) and carefully set it in the mouth of the bottle. Let family members try to blow the ball of paper into the bottle. It will be impossible because even though it can't be seen, the bottle is already filled (with air). When you blow, you're trying to force more air into the bottle, but there's nowhere for the air to go, so it comes back out along with the paper ball. Connect this experiment to the powerful effects of God, whom we can't physically see. Even though we can't see God, we can see His power around us.

Preschool Highlights:

Today your child learned King Darius was upset that Daniel had to be thrown into the lions' den. He hoped the God to whom Daniel prayed would save him from the lions. The next morning the king learned God sent an angel to close the lions' mouths and Daniel was safe. **God saved Daniel because God Helps His Children.**