

## The Preservation of the Truth

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## NOTES

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Suggested Questions for Individual

Study or Group Discussion\*



- How would you define “truth”? What makes something true?
- *Read 2 Timothy 3:14–4:5.* Given the instructions Paul gives to Timothy, what do you imagine the situation to be like in Timothy’s community and his church congregation?
- What are the different exhortations or charges Paul gives to Timothy? What would we observe if Timothy does as Paul urges? How can followers of Jesus do similarly today?
- What is affirmed about the source, authority, and purpose of the Holy Scripture? What role is Scripture to play in Timothy’s ministry?
- What place does Scripture have in your life? How does the Bible connect you to God’s truth?
- Where in our culture do you see signs of people having “itching ears” and wanting teachers who only say what they want to hear (4:3)? How can this appear in the church as well?
- Why is “the preservation of the truth” considered one of the great ends or purposes of the church? What is gained from pursuing this aim? What’s lost if we do not?
- What tools has God given the church for preserving truth?
- In what ways are knowing the truth and living the truth related? How does each contribute to the preservation of the truth?
- Where does our church do well in preserving the truth? Where might we improve? How can you and/or your small group be a part of that?

\*Select or adapt questions to fit the needs and makeup of your group.