

Building Up In Christ

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2 TIMOTHY 3:14-4:5 (NASB)

Using This Study

❶ EXAMINE His Word

What does God SAY? Open your time with prayer. The words God uses to communicate matters, so go back and pay close attention to the details that are emphasized or repeated in the passage.

❷ EXPLORE His Word

What does God MEAN? Asking questions of the text helps surface how the details relate to the message God wants to communicate.

❸ EMBRACE His Word

Why does it MATTER to me? Embrace God by responding to what you discover in His word in faith and obedience.



This morning we will look at the second step of making fully devoted followers of Christ. In talking about our mission statement, we have already seen how our worship is a form of loving God and how our service is a way for us to love people. Last week, we talked about how winning people for Christ is the first step in making a disciple. This week we will talk about being built up in Christ as the second step in making disciples. We will see the vital role that relationships and the Scriptures play as we help others grow in their relationship with Christ.



Ian and Reagan Whitfield (grandson and son of Steve & Linda Whitfield) on top Wheeler Peak, New Mexico, where our youth will be hiking this summer.

① EXAMINE His Word

What does God SAY? Prayerfully note significant details and terms emphasized in the passage.

Read 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5 (NASB)

¹⁴ You, however, continue in the things you have learned and become convinced of, knowing from whom you have learned *them*,

¹⁵ and that from childhood you have known the sacred writings which are able to give you the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.

¹⁶ All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness;

¹⁷ so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work.

² preach the word; be ready in season *and* out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort, with great patience and instruction.

³ For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but *wanting* to have their ears tickled, they will accumulate for themselves teachers in accordance to their own desires,

⁴ and will turn away their ears from the truth and will turn aside to myths.

⁵ But you, be sober in all things, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.

“Preach the Word”

⁴ I solemnly charge *you* in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by His appearing and His kingdom:

② EXPLORE His Word

What does God MEAN? (Intpretation)

1. Who is the author and who is he writing to?

2. Can we apply the same instruction that is given to the audience to our lives?

3. What is it that prepares us to do the good work that God has called us to do?

4. BONUS Question: What apostle helped authenticate Paul's writing as part of the scripture that is mentioned in 3:16?

③ EMBRACE His Word

Why does this MATTER to me? (Application)

5. How can we make sure we are studying the Scripture each week?

6. How can we help others to study the Scripture each week?

7. What impact will studying the Scripture have on our lives? In other words, why should we be motivated to study the Scripture?

8. What is a reasonable expectation for how often we should spend time in the Scripture?

9. What are the three types of relationships mentioned in the sermon that are good for us to have in the discipleship making process?
- 10 At the end of verse 5, there is an imperative that says fulfill your ministry. We all have ministries that God is using us in. How is He preparing you and what do you need to fulfill your ministry?

Summarize your thoughts on the passage:

Write about what God wants you to **KNOW**, to **FEEL**, and to **DO**...

SERMON NOTES