

CTK Community Group Sermon Discussion Questions & Announcements

Week of 8/7/22

DISCUSSION: [2 Timothy 3:1-17](#)

(Discuss the question cluster below - as much or as little as works for your group)

Feel free to break off into smaller groups if it helps you share more personally

This week, our passage focused on what life looks like when grace is gone (v.2-6) and what it looks like when you have grace at the center of your life (v.10-11). The differences between the two are stark, but they ultimately boil down to having something at the center of your life that can give you what you need without destroying you (or it): God and his Word (v.15-17). But we all struggle with making something other than God into our ultimate hope for having what we need in life. Let's talk about moving toward a life where God's grace is at the center.

1. *What stood out to you from the passage or the sermon?*
2. *Paul spells out some hard truths about what happens when we live like we're the center of life (v.2-6). Even after hearing those things, what feels hard for you personally about letting go of the power, control or self-centeredness that lay behind those?*
 - a) *What's 1 small step you could ask the Holy Spirit to help you take toward starting to do those things less?*
3. *Paul also explains we will go through suffering as Christians, even if we do all the right things and live a life of grace.*
 - a) *How might God be calling you to endure more persecution or hard times right now as you follow (or consider following) Jesus?*
 - b) *Which of the things Paul lists in v.10 (Scripture's teaching, Paul's conduct, Paul's aim in life - i.e. Philippians 3:8, faith, patience, love, perseverance) do you need more of to help you endure in those ways?*
4. *What's 1 practical way you want to start moving towards others in grace?*
 - a) *Is there a particular person (or group of people - classmates, coworkers, children, parents, siblings, etc.), that you feel called to show more grace?*
 - b) *In what ways will you have to die to yourself as the center of life to move towards them in grace?*

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Starting Sunday, July 31st, the livestream link will be available by request only. If you need the link, please email laura@ctkcambridge.org.