



## House Church Study Questions Based on the SAC Sermon on Sept. 19, 2021

**Sermon Text: 2 Timothy 2:1-13**

### Gathering Guidelines

-No Intro Video

### Icebreaker Question:

If you were stranded on a deserted island and you were able to have one thing with you what would that one thing be? (You should assume that you already have a Bible so you need to think of that one 'other' thing.)

### Take some time to worship

Read: 2 Timothy 2:1-13

### Discussion Questions

#### Question #1:

On Sunday we talked about how Covid 19 has created much division, and we see this division clearly in the debate over getting vaccinated or not vaccinated.

In 2 Timothy 2:1 Paul tells Timothy that he should be 'strong in grace that is in Christ Jesus.' What do you think it means to be strong in the grace of Jesus when you find yourself in hard circumstances?

#### Question #2:

Paul tells Timothy in verse 3 to 'endure hardship like a good soldier of Christ Jesus.' A soldier must know very clearly what his/her mission is so as to keep their eyes, their emotions and their actions all lined up to accomplish the task at hand.

There are a few things that Paul teaches Timothy about what his mission is. . .in verse 2 he tells him to teach people to be able to teach others for example. If you were to look at verse 8, what do you think is central for Timothy's mission? And do you think this is applicable for followers of Jesus today?

**Question #3:**

In verse 4 Paul tells Timothy not to get involved in 'civilian affairs'. This can't mean that Timothy is not allowed to engage in regular duties of life like buying groceries and paying mortgages.

When you think about the vaccination debate, where there are two clear sides, do you think that there is a call on our lives to live as good soldiers that don't get involved in civilian affairs that can help us to not take sides as our first and foremost matter of importance but instead live out a mission that is 'pleasing to our commanding officer'(v. 4)?

**Question #4:**

One of the things we find talked about a lot related to vaccinations is freedom. Many talk about how government regulations are constricting and for some eliminating constitutional freedoms.

We must remember that Paul is a Roman citizen and as such he has many rights related to freedom, but we see him chained in a cell. But even here Paul says that even though he is 'chained like a criminal' he still believes and promotes the truth that 'God's word is not chained.' (verse 9).

What might we learn about freedom from Paul here?

**Question #5:**

In verse 10 Paul presents his 'mission', the primary reason that he endures hardship, mistreatment, the abuse of his rights, and the removal of his freedoms. He says this: "Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, that they too may obtain salvation that is in Christ Jesus."

What thoughts come to mind about how we are to prioritise and live our lives in the reality of our contexts today?

**Invitation and Mission for this week**

**This week think about and ask the Lord to show you the meaning of these words that come directly from the mouth of God for you:**

**“If we died with him, we will also live with him.”**

**“If we endure, we will also reign with him.”**

**“If we disown him, he will also disown us.”**

**“If we are faithless, he will remain faithful, for he cannot disown himself.”**

**(Verses 11-13 in 2 Timothy 2)**

**Paul tells Timothy in verse 7 to ‘reflect on what I am saying, for the Lord will give you insight into all this.’**

**Take time to ask the Lord about these things and find out what He wants to teach you.**

**Pray for each other**