

SERMON NOTES

FAITHFUL TO THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

2 Timothy 4:1-5



BIG IDEA: Faithfully ministering God's Word requires a clear sense of accountability, constant readiness, vigilance against opposition, and personal resolve.

APPLICATION GUIDE

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DISCUSS

In a culture where many question or distrust the Bible, what does it look like to “preach the Word” in our everyday lives?

What are some modern examples of “itching ears”—things people turn to instead of sound teaching? How can we lovingly respond when others reject biblical truth?

How does knowing we will give an account to God impact our motivation to proclaim and uphold His Word?

APPLY

How prepared do you feel to share the truth of Scripture “in season and out”? What’s one practical way you can grow in readiness to share your faith this week?

Are there any areas where you feel tempted to soften or alter the message of Scripture to make it more acceptable? How can you stand firm without compromising biblical truth?

When facing opposition or rejection for your faith, what keeps you motivated to continue? Reflect on a time when you felt pressure to back down and how you responded.

How can you make sure your ministry—or any spiritual responsibility you have—remains focused on God’s truth rather than people’s preferences or approval?

COMMIT

This week, what is one specific way you will share God’s truth or reflect His love in your interactions with others? Identify an opportunity to gently share a Scripture, offer encouragement, or answer someone’s questions about your faith. Share your commitment with a friend or small group member who can pray with you and support you in following through.