



INTRODUCTION

Paul continues to exhort the exhausted Pastor Timothy to endure. Endure in preaching, progressing and persevering.

INSTRUCTIONS

This guide is meant to facilitate discussion which will lead to a response to God's word. Therefore, please use it as tool that best fits the needs of your community group.

OPENING DISCUSSION

- Read **1 Timothy 4:13-16**
- What do you find interesting/compelling/confusing about this passage?
- Are you good at persisting/enduring? Discuss.

REVIEW

- Why must Timothy devote himself to reading, teaching and preaching Scripture?
- What gift do you think Timothy received? Why does Paul remind him of it?
- What is Timothy to practice and immerse himself?
- How is it that Timothy must save himself and his hearers?

APPLICATION

- What helps you to endure when things are difficult, and you want to run?
- Do you derive much benefit from the public reading of Scripture? Discuss.
- Why do you think many churches have walked away from public scripture reading?
- How has God gifted you by his spirit? What would it mean to neglect that gift?
- Where are you progressing? Where do you need to grow?
- Where do you need to persevere?

PRAYER (divide the group based on gender if desired)

- What action/repentance does God want you to take according to the truths of this text?
- Are there any other prayer needs