



Sunday 26th March 2017

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Disciplined to Serve
2 Timothy 2:1-15

Before you start, please pray that as a result of this study, together with the preaching from Sunday, your understanding of God will not only be deepened, but your relationship with Jesus will be significantly strengthened.

1. Discuss what you think discipline might mean in both Christian and secular environments. Is there a difference and if so, should there be? Does commitment play a part in such a discussion?
2. What do you think verse 2 means, particularly with respect to “many reliable witnesses”?
3. In verse 4, Paul talks about being like a soldier and not being “tied up in the affairs of this life”. Can you give possible examples of what he is referring to?
4. In verse 5 Paul talks about following rules. How may this relate to church life today?
5. Paul was in chains because he preached the Good News. What do you think he meant by that? How can this relate to believers today?
6. Consider verses 11-13, particularly the second part of verse 12. What thoughts do you have on this? Consider this also in the context of people who would seem to have at one stage made their profession of faith to follow Jesus and have since led a life that appears to be the very opposite?
7. Can you give examples where people “fight over words” as referred in verse 14?
8. How does salvation by grace through faith alone (Ephesians 2:8-9) relate to verse 15 which tells us to “work hard”?
9. These scriptures have a strong emphasis on “service”. How does having and developing a personal relationship with God fit in with this? Discuss.

Please remember these questions are not so much intended to consider service as something to do, but to ensure this is done in a way that glorifies God. If these questions have been of help, can you identify what you may consider doing as a result?

As your group concludes in prayer, ask the Lord for the courage and commitment to do all He asks. He will never disappoint you!

