

# DISCIPLESHIP GROUPS

*Our Mission: Reaching out to leaders who can change the world.*

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## PAUL'S LAST WORDS: BEWARE!

### INTRODUCTION

Do you think it's going to get easier or more difficult for Christians in the Pentagon? Explain

### OBSERVATION/INTERPRETATION

#### Read 2 Tim 3:1-9

*Note: "Weak-willed" refers to women that were unstable, guilt ridden because of the sins, torn by lust, victims of various false teachers.*

1. How does Paul describe people in the last days? Vv 2-5
  2. How does this compare to today?
  3. What do these people lack?
  4. What are the last days? Matthew 24:36-44; Mark 13:5-7
  5. What are some examples of God's power that people are denying? v. 5
  6. What does it mean to have a "form of godliness?" Why are they dangerous? Why would they be in church?
  7. What does Paul say to do in relation to people who flaunt their ungodly behavior? v 5
  8. We are told to love the sinner and hate the sin. How can we influence ungodly people without having them shape us? 2 Corinthians 10:5
  9. How does our society encourage people to let themselves be controlled by evil desires?
  10. How might someone learn but not acknowledge the truth (about salvation)? v. 7
- Note: Salvation seems more about submission than about knowledge.*
11. Life crises are often doors to change – for good or evil. How might these verses keep someone from being spiritually manipulated? 2 Corinthians 3:5

### APPLICATION

- How might you be denying God's power?
- Sin has consequences. What do you want to change today that you don't want revealed later?

*Even in gospel times there would be perilous times; on account of persecution from without, still more on account of corruptions within. Men love to gratify their own lusts, more than to please God and do their duty. When every man is eager for what he can get, and anxious to keep what he has, this makes men dangerous to one another. When men do not fear God, they will not regard man. When children are disobedient to their parents, that makes the times perilous. Men are unholy and without the fear of God, because (they are) unthankful for the mercies of God. We abuse God's gifts, if we make them the food and fuel of our lusts.*

*Mathew Henry's Concise Commentary*

*Search me, O God, and know my heart;  
test me and know my anxious thoughts.  
See if there is any offensive way in me,  
and lead me in the way everlasting.*

*Psalm 139:23-24 (NIV)*