

Community Group Questions  
2 Timothy 3:1-5

Opening question: Share a time when you are glad or wished you had listened to a warning.

Scripture study: Read 2 Timothy 3:1-5

- In verse 1, why do you suppose there is a special note to Timothy to mark this down? How is it helpful to know in advance that trouble is coming? What is it about living the Christian life in this day that is difficult? How should we respond to “terrible times”?
  
- What stands out to you about verses 2-4? Choose one or two characteristics and give a positive Christlike trait that replaces it. How can it be argued that self-love is a major contributor to the problems in our society and in the church? What is and isn't the answer to self-love? Discuss: what lies beneath our choices and behaviors is a love of something.
  
- Read verse 5. How do these words reveal a bigger issue than terrible times in society? What does it look like to have a form of godliness but deny its power? How is it that in our lives we must guard against a form of godliness? What does it look like to live in the transforming power of Christ and to pass that on?

Further thought: What is one takeaway from this passage of Scripture?