



WOODLAND HEIGHTS

CHRISTIAN CHURCH

The Eternal Legacy of a Mother's Faith

Small Group Discussion Guide on 2 Timothy 3:14-17

Woodland Heights Christian Church Core Value Connection

This sermon on 2 Timothy 3:14–17 aligns with the core values of Biblical Authority, Biblical Worldview, and Discipleship at Woodland Heights Christian Church. We believe that God's Word is inerrant, life-giving, and sufficient to teach, correct, and train us in righteousness, and we also believe that a Biblical worldview is necessary if believers are going to stand firm in a confused culture and pass truth faithfully to the next generation.

This message reminds us that what lasts most in life is not applause, achievement, beauty, success, or possession, but the faith and truth of God's Word that we pass on through a godly legacy. It calls mothers, grandmothers, spiritual mentors, and every believer to begin shaping future generations with a faith anchored in Jesus Christ and the authority of Scripture.

Section 1 – ENCOUNTER

Observing God's Word

Imagine an ordinary kitchen table in an ordinary home. A Bible is open, children are gathered close, prayers are being whispered, and a mother who may never stand on a stage is quietly shaping eternity. The world may never notice that moment, but heaven does, because some of the greatest works of God begin in unseen places where truth is taught, faith is lived, and young hearts are pointed to Christ.

That is the heartbeat of 2 Timothy 3:14–17. Paul writes to Timothy in a world filled with pressure, corruption, and compromise, and he points him back to what mattered most: continue in the truth you have learned, remember those who taught you, and stand on the God-breathed Scriptures that make people wise for salvation and equip them for every good work.

Let's start our study by anchoring ourselves in Scripture. Read 2 Timothy 3:14–17 (ESV) as a group, family, or an individual, letting God's Word sink in. Picture the scene: an older apostle near the end of his life urging a younger pastor to stand firm in truth, remember his spiritual heritage, and keep building his life on the unchanging Word of God.

Core Questions

- What words, commands, or themes stand out to you in 2 Timothy 3:14–17? Why is this relevant today?
- What do these verses teach you about the role of Scripture in shaping a life and a legacy?
- What do you learn here about the importance of faithful people who teach truth to the next generation?

Section 2 – EXPLORE

As we dig deeper into 2 Timothy 3:14–17, we discover that Paul is showing Timothy—and all believers—that a lasting legacy is built when truth is believed, Scripture is taught, and faith is passed on with courage and consistency. The sermon’s Big Idea says it clearly: **“Begin Your Legacy Today: Shape Future Generations With Faith Anchored in Jesus Christ and God’s Word.”**

Paul writes as a prisoner near the end of his life, speaking to a younger man who will have to stand in difficult days. The world around Timothy was morally chaotic and spiritually unstable, and the answer was not to adjust truth to fit the times, but to continue in what he had learned from faithful believers and from the sacred writings.

Lesson #1 – Build Your Legacy on the Foundation of God’s Word and It Will Make an Eternal Impact (2 Timothy 3:14)

Paul begins with a command: “continue.” That word is powerful because it calls Timothy to remain rooted in the truth he had learned and firmly believed. In a world of drift and compromise, Paul reminds him that what you build your life on determines whether you stand or fall.

Verse 14 also points Timothy back to the people who taught him. The sermon highlights the influence of faithful believers like Lois and Eunice, reminding us that truth is often carried to the next generation through the credibility of a godly life. Children and younger believers do not just hear truth; they watch whether it is actually lived.

- What does it mean to “continue” in truth when culture is constantly changing?
- Who has most shaped your faith by both teaching and example?
- Why do you think God so often uses ordinary faithfulness in the home and church to make an extraordinary eternal impact?

Lesson #2 – Live Your Legacy as a Messenger and Model of a Life Transformed by Truth (2 Timothy 3:15)

Paul reminds Timothy that from childhood he had been acquainted with the sacred writings. The sermon emphasizes that this points to intentional, early, and faithful teaching of God’s Word. A child’s heart is impressionable, and if believers are passive, the world will gladly disciple the next generation through its own messages, values, and lies.

But Scripture does more than shape behavior; it makes people wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. This means the goal of passing on truth is not merely raising polite children or moral people, but pointing souls to the Redeemer who alone can save and transform them.

- Why is it important to teach God’s Word intentionally and early?
- What kinds of messages are shaping the next generation today?
- How can believers become clearer messengers and stronger models of truth in their homes, friendships, and church?

Lesson #3 – Trust the God-Breathed Scriptures to Guide, Correct, and Equip Your Life (2 Timothy 3:16–17)

Paul declares that all Scripture is breathed out by God. The sermon stresses that the Bible is not a collection of merely human religious opinions, but the very Word of God given for teaching, reproof,

correction, and training in righteousness. Once the authority of Scripture is doubted, everything else begins to crumble.

These verses also show the purpose of Scripture: God uses His Word to make His people complete and equipped for every good work. A legacy of faith is never built on inspiration alone; it is built on the steady, shaping, correcting, and equipping work of God's Word in everyday life.

- What does it mean that Scripture is “breathed out by God”?
- Which of these functions of Scripture—teaching, reproof, correction, or training in righteousness—do you most need right now?
- How does confidence in the authority of God's Word strengthen a person's life and legacy?

Section 3 – EMBRACE

Applying God's Word

Go deeper into the Word of God by applying what you've learned to your life today. Reflect on these action steps and discuss how you can live out the truths from 2 Timothy 3:14–17.

Remember Who Taught You

Take time this week to thank God for the people who taught you truth—whether a mother, grandmother, father, Sunday School teacher, mentor, or faithful friend.

- Reach out to one person, if possible, and thank them for the spiritual influence they had on your life.

Continue in the Truth

Paul's command is simple and urgent: continue. Identify one area where you have been tempted to drift, compromise, or grow casual with God's Word.

- Choose one practical step this week to remain rooted, such as reestablishing daily Bible reading, memorizing Scripture, or discussing truth intentionally with your family.

Shape the Next Generation Intentionally

Whether you are a parent, grandparent, mentor, teacher, or friend, ask God to show you one younger person you can influence with truth.

Submit to the Authority of Scripture

Ask the Lord to reveal one area of your life where you are resisting His correction or training. Instead of reshaping truth to fit your preferences, ask God to reshape your heart to fit His Word.

Memorize and Reflect

Memorize the sermon's key verse, 2 Timothy 3:16 (ESV): “All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness.”

- Reflect on how this verse strengthens your confidence in the Bible and clarifies the kind of legacy God calls you to build. Share with your group how this truth challenges or encourages you in your present season.

Closing Challenge and Prayer

A mother's faith—or any believer's faith—becomes an eternal legacy when it is anchored in Christ, shaped by Scripture, and lived faithfully before others. The world celebrates what is flashy, immediate, and visible, but God often changes generations through truth-telling, steady prayer, faithful teaching, and everyday obedience.

As a group, pray for the mothers, grandmothers, spiritual mentors, and faithful disciples in your church and family. Ask the Lord to raise up people who will stand on His Word without compromise and shape future generations with courage, humility, and truth.

- Father, thank You for the gift of faithful people who teach Your truth and live it before others. Thank You for mothers, grandmothers, mentors, teachers, and servants whose steady faith points hearts to Jesus Christ. Forgive us for the times we have treated Your Word lightly or allowed culture to shape us more than Scripture. Help us continue in the truth we have learned, teach it faithfully to the next generation, and build a legacy that honors You long after our earthly days are done. Make us people who stand firmly on Your God-breathed Word and use our lives to shape others for Your glory. In Jesus' name, Amen.