

The Pastoral Epistles

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Format for today

1. Introduction and instructions (5-7 min)
2. Develop summaries of each chapter and briefly stating your synopsis (10 min)
3. Responses from each individual per one book at a time, sharing all three perspectives / overviews (30 min)
4. Closing remarks as time permits

1 Timothy

2 Timothy

Titus

My objective for today is to involve everyone here to be a part of this biblical overview of these books.

1 Timothy

Biblical Theology

Simply put, is the theology of the Bible. That is, it is not our own theology but that of the biblical writers themselves. In this case, the Apostle Paul. It is their convictions about God, Jesus Christ, the Holy Spirit and God's work in human history as revealed in the writings of Scripture.

Date of Writing

The Book of 1 Timothy was written in A.D. 62-66.

The Relationship

Timothy was a Greek. His mother was a Jewess and his father was Greek. Paul was more than just a mentor and leader to Timothy, he was like a father to him, and Timothy was like a son to Paul (1 Timothy 1:2).

2 Timothy

Where are we?

Paul wrote 2 Timothy from a dark and damp Roman prison cell, just before his death in AD 67.

Why is 2 Timothy so important?

The second letter to Timothy offers a picture of Paul at the end of his ministry, just before his death. Certain personal details in the letter reveal a man settling his accounts and preparing for the inevitable.

Titus

Where are we?

Paul wrote his letter to Titus from Nicopolis in AD 63, after the apostle's release from his first Roman imprisonment.

Why is Titus so important?

Three summaries of the incarnation dot the pages of Titus, providing a framework within which the Christian can view the work of God in the world and in individual lives (Titus 1:1–4; 2:11–14; 3:4–7).

Sources: ANDREAS J. KÖSTENBERGER / MIDWESTERN BAPTIST THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY: Mark L. Bailey / DALLAS THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY / Chuck Swindoll / INSIGHT FOR LIVING MINISTRIES

Your Assignment

I have kept my part brief as I want you to develop three perspectives of the biblical overview. This needs to be simple and straightforward. Don't overthink it. We are flying over the passage to see its main purpose, not landing in it to exegete it.

Group 1

1. What was the *Main Idea* Paul intended to convey to Timothy / Titus in your chapter?
2. What is Paul talking about?

Group 2

1. How would you put in your own terms the biblical teaching Paul was communicating on the subject of this chapter?
2. What is Paul saying about what he is talking about?

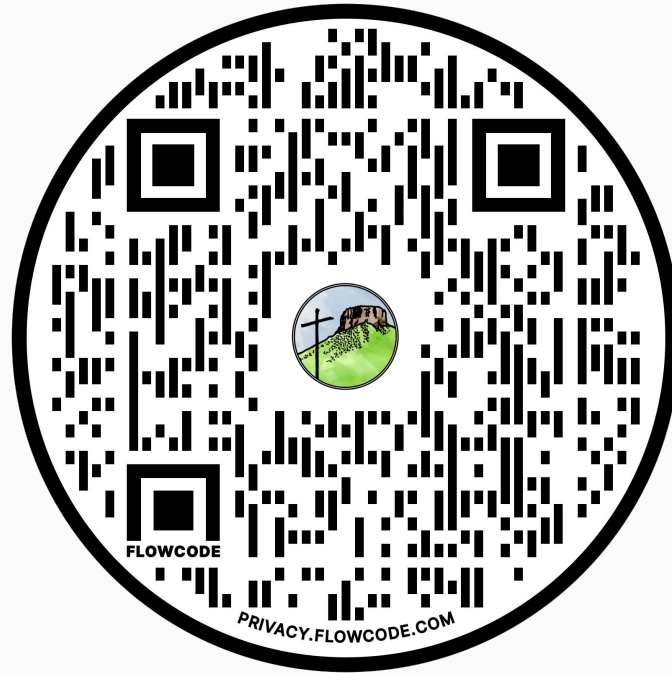
Group 3

1. What Paul was communicating to Timothy / Titus, would you say applies to our lives both individually and corporately?
2. What are 2-3 ways you apply it to our own lives?

What I want to draw out for you today

1. As Paul, for the sake of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, we should always be investing in that which will outlive us! The next generation through mentoring / discipleship.
2. These books prove to us that the value of mentoring / discipleship is of highest priority in the Body / Church of Jesus Christ.
3. That we must determine to carry out the mission of Christ and the Gospel at all cost. No other investment will last eternally but this!
4. We are part of something much bigger than ourselves. As Jesus and Paul proclaim in the Word of God, in order to do so we must die to ourselves so that Christ may live out His purpose in us!

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