

A Study of 2 Timothy 4:9-22

What is R.E.A.P.?

R.E.A.P. is a method of studying the Bible together to prepare for a group discussion. We highly encourage everyone to keep an ongoing journal and bring it to Monday nights, Wednesday nights, Sunday mornings, and any Bible study to engage well in our discussions together.

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1. Through **Reading**, people can circle and journal what they found noteworthy in each day's reading.
2. Through **Examining**, people can answer three major questions to prepare for discussion (What does this text teach us about God? What does this text teach us about humanity? What does this text teach us about Jesus?).
3. Through **Asking**, people can journal one or more significant questions they have about the text (Questions about events, people, places, situations, etc.) The goal is not to find answers to these questions themselves. Rather, the goal of asking significant questions is to think critically about the text and to bring thoughtful questions to pastors and teachers.
4. Through **Prayer**, people can take a moment to pray to God concerning things they read, examined, and asked.

Why do we REAP?

We believe that this method is helpful in reading God's Word at every level. From beginners to advanced readers, we know that the Bible is infallible (error-free) and God's revelation of Himself. We REAP to learn more about God, who He is and what He's done; and to know Him personally as Savior.

How do I use REAP?

1. Goal: Our purpose is not to collect information, trivia, or self-help tips, but to know and love God.
2. REAP the passage before Sunday's worship service, before the Wednesday night Bible Study, or before your Sunday School class. Don't allow the sermon or the Bible study to be the first time you face the text. Marinate in the text before we gather.
3. What do I do with my questions in the Ask section?
 - a. The big/main questions of interpretation should be answered by the sermon and preceding Bible study. If there are significant questions about how to understand the text after the sermon, we would encourage you to email me or Pastor Matt.
 - b. Join a growth group so that you can discuss the questions and how we should live out the applications of the text.

2 Timothy 4:9-22

⁹“Do your best to come to me soon. ¹⁰For Demas, in love with this present world, has deserted me and gone to Thessalonica. Crescens has gone to Galatia,^[b] Titus to Dalmatia. ¹¹Luke alone is

Background of the text:

1. What does verses 9 and 21 tell us about Paul's relationship with Timothy? How else has this been seen in this letter?

2. In this closing, Paul speaks of a large group of people. Below is a table that helps readers understand each person's significance to Paul:

	Local Reference	Paul's Description/Instructions	Notes
Timothy	2 Tim. 4:9; 11b; 13a; 15; 19; 21	1. "come to me soon." 2. "bring [Mark] with you." 3. "when you come bring [my belongings]"; 4. "Beware of [Alexander] yourself, for he strongly opposed our message." 5. "Greet Prisca and Aquila, and the household of Onesiphorus." 6. "Do your best to come before winter."	
Demas	2 Tim. 4:10a	"in love with this present world, has deserted me and gone to Thessalonica"	
Crescens	2 Tim. 4:10b	"gone to Galatia,"	
Titus	2 Tim. 4:10c	"[gone] to Dalmatia."	

Luke	2 Tim. 4:11a	“with me.”	
Mark	2 Tim. 4:11b	“Get Mark and bring him with you, for he is very useful to me for ministry.”	
Tychicus	2 Tim. 4:12	“sent to Ephesus.”	
Carpus	2 Tim. 4:13	“bring the cloak that I left with Carpus at Troas, also the books, and above all the parchments.”	
Alexander	2 Tim. 4:14	“did me great harm; the Lord will repay him according to his deeds. ¹⁵ Beware of him yourself, for he strongly opposed our message.”	
Prisca and Aquila	2 Tim. 4:19a	“Greet Prisca and Aquila”	
The household of Onesiphorus	2 Tim. 4:19b	“[greet] the household of Onesiphorus.”	
Erastus	2 Tim. 4:20a	“remained at Corinth,”	
Trophimus	2 Tim. 4:20b	“I left Trophimus, who was ill, at Miletus.”	
Eubulus	2 Tim. 4:21b	“Eubulus sends greetings to you,”	

Pudens	2 Tim. 4:21c	“[sends greetings to you]”	
Linus	2 Tim. 4:21d	“[sends greetings to you]”	
Claudia	2 Tim. 4:21e	“[sends greetings to you]”	
All the brothers	2 Tim. 4:21f	“[sends greetings to you]”	
The Lord	2 Tim. 4:14b; 17a; 17b; 18a; 18b; 22	1. “will repay [Alexander] according to his deeds.” 2. “stood by me and strengthened me, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it.” 3. “Rescued [Paul] from the lion's mouth.” 4. “will rescue me from every evil deed and bring me safely into his heavenly kingdom” 5. “To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.” 6. “The Lord be with your spirit. Grace be with you.”	

3. What are some observations you can make regarding Paul’s connection to these people? Any similarities? Any distinctions? Explain.