**“As For You – Pt 4”**

**August 31/Sep 1, 2024**

**Speaker: Matt Price**

**Opening:** [15 mins] We suggest you begin with an opening prayer and then a brief “catch up” or “icebreaker” before moving into the *scripture reflection* and *application questions*.

**Scripture Reflection:** [20 mins] **Read 2 Timothy 3:1-17.** After allowing the group time to reflect on the passages, ask them to share what most stands out to them.

**IceBreaker:** There is a chance that Paul may have known or sensed that this would the last letter he ever wrote before his death. Do you have any “bucket list” items you would to accomplish before your death?

**Application Questions:** [40 mins](*These questions will help you and your group dig deeper into the weekend sermon. Feel free to edit or use only those which fit your allotted time.)*

1. In the first few verses of chapter 3 Paul paints a very bleak picture of what life in the “last days” will be like.
   1. Where in our current world have you seen these words come true?
   2. Matt said that so much of this stems from us becoming a society that is mostly concerned with keeping up appearances. Do you agree with this statement? How have you seen this in our modern world?
   3. Matt used the illustration of the self care industry as an example of us living for appearances. Any other examples you can think of?
      1. How can we remind ourselves daily of what is most important?
2. Secondly, Matt talked about a world full of of counterfeits and manipulators.
   1. Have you ever been scammed or duped into something? What did that feel like?
   2. How have you seen people use faith and religion to scam and manipulate?
3. Paul writes to Timothy (verse 10 and beyond) that the antidote to pretenders and manipulators is found in staying connected to the word of God.
   1. How does society try to downplay the word of God?
   2. How can we hold onto God’s word as the central voice in our life?
   3. How can you grow in your love of God’s word this coming year?

**Closing & Prayer**: [15 mins]

* Receive prayer requests. Pray for all