

A VESSEL FOR HONOR

2 TIMOTHY 2:20-26

GETTING STARTED

• What have you been learning so far in your study of 2 Timothy? Share your insights with the group thus far, as we are about halfway through the book.

SCRIPTURE STUDY

Before you begin: Open with prayer and spend a minute or two in silence before God. Have multiple people ask the Holy Spirit to enter your time together and illuminate your hearts and minds to scripture.

- Have someone read the passage in its entirety aloud. As a group, summarize
 the passage, and as you do so, note any observations, questions, and exciting
 insights you found while reading through the text. What jumped out at you?
 What was something you noticed now that you didn't see before?
- What is Paul talking about in verse 20? Why does he give this short parable about gold and wooden bowls?
- What does it look like to purify yourself from what is dishonorable? Why is spiritual formation an essential part of being in ministry?
- From a pastoral standpoint, what is the wisdom behind not engaging in foolish and ignorant disputes that lead to quarrels?
- Why do you think gentleness is an essential quality for how we instruct and lead?

WRAPPING UP

• How are you being formed in this season into something honorable? Where do you feel like God is using you as his servant? or Where might you be called in this season to serve God?