

# Growth Teams

Week Beginning  
Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2016

## Going deeper

2 Peter is the second letter in the New Testament that was written by Peter. Like 1 Timothy it is partly written to challenge false teaching in the church. However, it begins by encouraging us to aim for godliness, just as Paul encourages Timothy to do in 1 Timothy 4.

## Read 2 Peter 1:3-11

5. Where do we find the strength, knowledge and encouragement to escape the corruption of the world?
6. Why are God's promises so precious?
7. Which of the qualities listed in verses 5-7 do you think Christians are weakest on today?
8. What reasons does Peter give for making every effort to have these qualities?
9. What stops us from pursuing these qualities today?

***Now do the applying it to our lives questions...***



**Growing in Christ  
to glorify God  
and enjoy Him forever.**

## **1 Timothy 4:1-16** (page 1192)

*Space to take notes on the talk*

### **Starter question**

- ❖ Looking back on your life can you think of times when you have felt 'spiritually stuck'?

### **Responding to the talk**

1. What from this week's talk did you find most encouraging or challenging?
2. Read 1 Timothy 4:1-5
  - a. How does Paul describe those who abandon the faith and teach alternative ideas?
  - b. What is wrong with the false teaching mentioned in verse 3? (cf. 1 Cor. 7:8-9).
  - c. How is such false teaching to be countered?
3. Read 1 Timothy 4:6-10
  - a. What does Timothy need to do to be a good 'minister' (the Greek word is 'deacon' – cf. 3:8ff)?
  - b. Why is it so important to be trained in godliness?
  - c. How is the 'trustworthy saying' linked to 'godliness' (cf. 4:16)?
4. Read 1 Timothy 4:11-16
  - a. What kind of example is Timothy to set?
  - b. What things is Timothy to focus on?
  - c. How does Paul motivate Timothy to persevere with this role?

*You may like to do the 'Going Deeper' questions over the page.*

### **Applying it to our lives**

10. A Christian friend says that they feel like their Christian life has become a bit stuck. How might you encourage them to move on using what you have learnt from this passage?
  
11. What might you consider giving up or taking up this Lent in the light of this passage?