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7. LAST DAYS WEATHER REPORT

2 Timothy 3:1-9, 10/13/19

What's the scariest thing going on in the world today?

What do you think Timothy's biggest fear would have been?

2 Timothy 3:1 (NIV)

But **mark this**: *There will be terrible times in the last days.*

What did you think "last days" referred to before this message?

Did Frank's explanation make sense?

Have someone look up and read:

1 Peter 1:20

Hebrews 1:1-2

Acts 2:14-17

What did you think of the illustration about the oak tree and the vine? How did it help make sense of the reality that Jesus "destroyed death" and yet death remains in the world?

When you been naïve and over-optimistic about life? Have you ever had a time where you were DIS-illusioned?

2 Timothy 3:2 (NIV)

*People will be **lovers** of themselves, lovers of money, **boastful, proud, abusive, disobedient** to their parents, **ungrateful, unholy,***

How does the idea of "disordered love" help make sense of the things you see going on?

Where have you seen people being *boastful, proud* and *abusive*?

Do you think children today are less or more disobedient to their parents than in other times?

2 Timothy 3:3-4 (NIV)

*without love, unforgiving, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not lovers of the good, treacherous, rash, conceited, lovers of **pleasure** rather than lovers of God —*

Tell about a time either *you* have been unforgiving, or you have witnessed lack of forgiveness. What were the effects that you saw?

Which of these qualities do you think you see the most? Which most concerns you?

2 Timothy 3:5 (NIV)

*having a **form of godliness** but **denying its power**. Have **nothing to do with such people.***

Do you know of "Christians" who deny its power?

Where have you seen a *form of godliness* that is without power?

2 Timothy 3:6 (NIV)

*They are the kind who **worm** their way into **homes** and **gain control** over **gullible** women, who are **loaded down with sins** and are **swayed by all kinds of evil desires**,*

Have you ever been fooled spiritually? How? What were the results in your own life? How did you recover?

2 Timothy 3:7 (NIV)

***always learning** but **never** able to come to a knowledge of the **truth**.*

Brainstorm some of the varieties of religions and spiritualities that you see in the “marketplace” today.

2 Timothy 3:8 (NIV)

*Just as **Jannes and Jambres opposed** Moses, so also these teachers oppose the truth. They are men of **depraved minds**, who, as far as the faith is concerned, are **rejected**.*

Where do you see opposition (not just disagreement) to the Christian faith today?

2 Timothy 3:9 (NIV)

*But they will **not get very far** because, as in the case of those men, their **folly will be clear** to **everyone**.*

What hope does this verse give you? Why?