

## OHANA STUDY GUIDE

February 28-March 6, 2010

Sermon: "WHY WE PREACH GOD'S WORD" March 7, 2010

2 Timothy 4:1-5

1. Read v.1-2. Before Paul challenges Timothy to "Preach the Word" he reminds him that Jesus Christ will one day "judge the living and the dead."(v.1).
  - a. According to John 12:48-50 by what standard will Christ judge the world one day?
  - b. How do we know that we will be saved on this Judgement Day (John 5:24)?
2. Is "preaching the Word" limited to a pastor preaching from the pulpit, or is there a way in which all Christians can participate in preaching?
  - a. What is meant by "in season and out of season" (v.2) as we preach the word?
3. Paul lists three goals of preaching in v.2. What are they?
  - a. Why is it essential to exercise "great patience" in our preaching?
  - b. What do the words "careful instruction" require of us as we preach the Word?
4. Read v.3-5. Paul warns of a time when people won't put up with sound doctrine (v.3).

a. Do we live in such a time today?

b. In what specific way do you see the "sound doctrine" of God's Word being compromised today in churches?

c. How can we make sure this doesn't happen in our church?

5. Paul uses the words "itching ears" to describe those who don't want to listen to God's Word. Why is this an appropriate description?

a. Someone once said that people will believe a lie if you tell it loud enough and often enough. Does this apply even to religious instruction?

6. In v.4, we are taught that many will leave God's truth for "myths". What is a myth?

a. What are some of the common myths taught by the various cults that exist today (Jehovah's Witnesses, Mormons, Christian Science, etc.)?

7. What four things must a faithful servant of Christ do according to v.5?

a. What does it mean to "keep your head in all situations"?

