# Future Church 1 Timothy Your Part 2

## The church in the future will not be the same!

# God wants this loving, worshipping, aspiring, thankful community to be…

## Bible based

## Encouraging

## Centred on the mind of Christ

### Future church is not just a big vision for you to nod to

#### It’s NOT something that will happen on its own

#### It will not happen without people giving an example

# Your part in making future church happen

## Train yourself (1 Tim 4:7)

### In godliness (respecting and engaging with God)

#### In training it doesn’t matter if we fail

## Devote yourself (1 Tim 4:12)

### To the reading (of the scriptures)

### To the preaching (lit. to exhortation)

#### Urging people to positive action

### To the teaching (didaskalia)

#### The active engagement with it so that you know the mind of Christ and it changes your life

# Homegroup/Private study questions

# Future church

## How can we ensure that future church is Bible based?

### How can/do we show it today?

## How can we ensure that future church is encouraging?

### In what ways could our church be more encouraging to you?

### In what ways could our church be more encouraging to your family?

### In what ways could our church be more encouraging to ‘sinners’?

## How can we ensure that future church is Spirit led?

### How can we teach being led by the Holy Spirit?

#### What examples would you use?

# The public reading of Scripture

## Does this command to devote yourself to the public reading of scripture still apply?

### If Paul were writing now what would he encourage us to do with the scriptures?

### How does this encourage us to read our Bibles?

# Preaching (lit. exhortation)

## What is your understanding of ‘preaching’

### Is it still a relevant form of communication?

### Are there better forms of communication now?

## In this form (exhortation) can we preach against sin?

### Explain your answer

# Teaching (didaskalia)

## In what ways is it helpful to know that the teaching referred to is less about ‘knowing doctrines’ and more about knowing the mind of Christ?

### How far do you agree that ‘knowing the mind of Christ can only lead to humility’

#### Explain your reasoning