

Sermon for May 4/5, 2024  
"Against the Flow" Pastor Aaron Buer



# SMALL GROUPS

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## THREE THINGS TO KNOW

**DON'T MISS THIS. GIVING TABLES** are still happening! It's easy for you, your family or your small group to serve others in our community. (1) Purchase items from the lists provided. (2) Drop off items during weekend services *or* at the church office, Monday through Thursday, from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Thank you for putting love into action! Find giving table lists at [adabible.org/givingtables](https://adabible.org/givingtables).

**GROUP VALUES.** This May, we focus on the value of **BIBLICAL TRUTH**. Conversations around God's Word are at the core of small groups. The mission of small groups at Ada Bible Church is to make disciples in relational environments. Reflect on the role of God's Word in your group and whether there are any changes you need to make to how your group functions.

**GROW AS A LEADER.** Do you wonder how to help your group members grow? Check out the book [\*Making Small Groups Work\*](#). Authors Henry Cloud and John Townsend provide small group leaders with valuable guidance and information about how they can help their groups grow spiritually, emotionally and relationally.

## SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

Welcome to the fourth week of our sermon series, **REKINDLE**. This week, we consider the need to resist the pull of our world against our faith and remain faithful to Jesus and God's Word.

### ICEBREAKER

What is a trend or fad that is resurfacing that you hoped to never see again?

### THIS WEEK'S TEXT

Have someone read 2 Timothy 2:14-26 aloud.

What words or images stand out to you in this passage, and why?

What emotions might Timothy have experienced when reading these charges from Paul?

What character traits does this passage reveal that Jesus's followers should display?

## **THIS WEEK'S SERMON**

Pastor Aaron Buer continued our Rekindle sermon series by looking at Paul's teaching to Timothy about going against the flow of culture and natural desires. As a group, recall some of the sermon's big ideas or main points.

How are believers pressured to compromise our faith in Jesus and the truth of the Bible to "go with the flow" of the world?

When have you felt torn between following Jesus and conforming to cultural norms or expectations?

To "correctly handle" Scripture means to "cut straight" or act like a level. What are some ways Scripture has acted as a level in your life?

How can we, as a group, help one another rightly interpret and apply God's Word, even when it contradicts popular belief?

The Apostle Paul instructs Timothy to flee evil desires and pursue righteousness, faith, love and peace (2 Timothy 2:22). What do you need to run from?

What do you need to run toward (maybe a habit of Scripture reading, memorization, or another spiritual practice)?

Who can you run with and ask to hold you accountable in that struggle?

How can our group intentionally run together, especially as summer approaches?

Which part of the sermon encouraged or challenged you the most, and why?

## **WRAP UP**

Today, we discussed staying faithful in our spiritual lives and our handling of Scripture. What is your one big takeaway from our conversation today?