**“Be Ready” Session 2, Be Ready to Preach the Word - Community Group Discussion Guide**

**Icebreakers:**

1. What and who do you think of when you think about the word “preaching”?

Read: ***I solemnly charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by His appearing and His kingdom: 2preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort, with great patience and instruction. 2 Timothy 4:1-2 NASB***

1. Do you feel that the calling to “preach the word” is only for those in full-time ministry? Why or why not?
2. What does it mean to reprove, rebuke and exhort through the preaching of the word?
3. How can we always “practically” be ready to preach the word and why is this so important in the days we are living?

Read: ***3For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but wanting to have their ears tickled, they will accumulate for themselves teachers in accordance to their own desires, 4 and will turn away their ears from the truth and will turn aside to myths. 2 Timothy 4:3-4 NASB***

1. What are some modern-day teachings that would be considered “ear tickling”?
2. How can we guard our own hearts from the desire to have our ears tickled?

Read: ***5But you, be sober in all things, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry. 2 Timothy 4:5 NASB***

1. In a world of chaos and undisciplined living, how do we remain “sober in all things”?
2. What does “fulfilling our ministry” look like” Read 2 Timothy 4:6-8:

***6For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure has come. 7I have fought the good fight, I have finished the course, I have kept the faith; 8in the future there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day; and not only to me, but also to all who have loved His appearing. 2 Timothy 4:6-8 NASB***

How can we incorporate the Five Pillars of the underground church into our lives?

**1. Read the Bible, deeply and constantly**, **2. Pray always, personally and collectively**, **3. Be a missionary; everyone shares their faith**, **4. Expect the miraculous; know that the same Spirit who raised Jesus from the dead abides with us today**, **5. Embrace suffering, for the glory of God**