

Community Groups

Sermon Discussion Guide

April 12th, 2026 | The Book of 1 Timothy

Prayer

Take time before discussion to take prayer requests and pray for each member of the group that requests prayer.

Read 1 Timothy 1:18-20 out loud as a group.

1. Paul tells Timothy to “fight the good fight”. What does this fight look like in real life today?
2. Some people had rejected the truth of the faith and had shipwrecked their faith. What challenges do you face that make it easy to drift from truth?

Read 1 Timothy 1:1-11 out loud as a group.

3. Paul opens the letter by reminding Timothy that his calling comes from God and that Timothy is his “true child in the faith.” Who has been a “Paul” in your life (someone who helped shape your faith) and how has that relationship influenced the way you follow Christ today?
4. We all know how easy it is to get distracted by things that sound spiritual but don’t really help us grow. How can we tell the difference between discussions that build faith and those that simply create confusion? How can we stay grounded in what really matters spiritually?
5. Paul says “the law is good if one uses it lawfully.” What do you think it means to use the law properly vs. improperly?

Read 1 Timothy 1:12-17 out loud as a group.

6. Paul thanks Christ for strengthening him and putting him into service, even though he once persecuted believers and opposed the faith. How does knowing that God uses imperfect people change the way you think about your own usefulness in His kingdom?
7. What’s the difference between guilt that leads to shame and guilt that leads to gratitude like Paul expresses here?
8. Paul describes God as King eternal, immortal, invisible, and The only God. Which description of God in this verse stands out most to you right now? Why?