

Community Groups

Sermon Discussion Guide

April 19th, 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 3:14-15 out loud as a group.

1. When you think about the church being the “pillar and support of the truth,” what do you think that looks like in real, everyday life, not just on Sundays?

Help your group move beyond a Sunday-only mindset and see the church as a people who live out and uphold truth daily in conversations, decisions, and relationships. Encourage them to think of specific environments (home, work, school) where they actively represent and reinforce God’s truth.

2. Can you think of any examples of how your confession of faith has shaped your personal conduct this week?

Invite them to connect belief with action, since faith is meant to be lived, not just stated. If the group struggles, gently prompt with examples and encourage honesty, helping them see even small moments of obedience as meaningful.

Read 1 Timothy 2:1-7 out loud as a group.

3. Paul urges believers to pray for everyone, including kings and those in authority. How often do you actually pray for leaders (even the ones we don’t agree with) and how might that shift your perspective or attitude?

Create space for honest reflection here, as this can be challenging in practice. Guide them to see that prayer softens our hearts, aligns us with God’s purposes, and helps us respond with humility rather than frustration.

4. God desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. How does understanding God’s mission to seek and to save the lost, help frame our mindset as the Church and a pillar of truth?

Help your group see that the Church exists for more than itself. Encourage them to think about how this mission reshapes priorities, conversations, and how they engage with people who don’t yet know Christ.

Read 1 Timothy 2:8-15 out loud as a group.

5. God desires men to be men of prayer, marked by lives of purity and peace. How would you describe your prayer life? How might purity and peace grow in our life as our prayer life grows?

Encourage honest evaluation without pressure, helping them see prayer as a relationship rather than a routine. Guide the conversation toward how consistent time with God shapes our hearts, leading to greater integrity, calmness, and trust.

6. Women are instructed to value inner beauty, modesty, and good works above outer beauty and the world's standards of it. In a world that constantly emphasizes image, how do you think we can cultivate a focus on inner character rather than outward impression?

Help your group recognize the cultural pull toward appearance and affirmation, then point them toward practices that form the heart like Scripture, accountability, and serving others. Invite practical ideas that shift focus from being seen to being transformed.

7. God's order for leadership and family is grounded in creation and not culture. How can we remain steadfast as pillars of truth in the family and church structure in a world that wildly opposes it?

Acknowledge that this tension is real, and guide them toward responding with both conviction and grace. Encourage them to stay rooted in God's Word while also modeling humility, consistency, and love in how they live it out.

Read 1 Timothy 3:1-13 out loud as a group

8. When it comes to leadership, why is proven Godly character more important than competence? Do you think the way you live in private truly matches what others see publicly?

Help the group see that character sustains leadership far more than skill ever could, especially when no one is watching. Create space for self-reflection by asking thoughtful follow-ups, encouraging integrity and alignment between private life and public faith.