

THE FAITHFUL CHURCH

The Faithful Church

2/10 in the series The Faithful Church

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Use the following Growth Group discussion questions to deepen your relationship with God, his Word and others.

Growth Group Leaders: It is not necessary to use all the questions. Select or ask questions you like or that best fit your Growth Group.

BREAK IT OUT:

1. How would you describe a faithful church on Twitter (144 characters or less)?
2. What stood out, made you think or was a new idea in Sunday's sermon?

TALK IT OUT: (1 TIMOTHY 1:1-5)

3. What does it mean to you that Christ is your hope?
4. After listening to the sermon, how important is Bible teaching and Gospel preaching in the local church?
5. What would it look like for you to love others from a pure heart, a good conscience and a sincere faith?
6. Why do you think churches tend to drift away from "sound doctrine"?

WORK IT OUT:

7. The Apostle Paul states the aim of his instruction is love (1:5). How is your time in God's Word filling/leading you to love those around you?
8. Is there some type of "false doctrine or teaching" that's threatening to lead you away from Christ or causing you friction with others? What next step do you need to take?

Those early days of the local church were pretty crazy. There was no real understanding of structure or doctrine, and they experienced a mix of social classes like we have never seen before. Therefore, Paul was carefully instructing local pastors on how to navigate the tension of the day by staying the course that was originally set. Today as a local church, let's look closely at his introductory remarks and make his clearly stated aim, to live in love with a pure heart, good conscience and a sincere faith, our own.

1. **Paul's authoritative introduction** - (1 Timothy 1:1-2). He leaves no question as to his right to teach us.
2. **A hard-pressed appeal to stay strong** - (1 Timothy 1:3-4). While tripping over his own words, Paul does more than encourage; he urges compliance.
3. **The point of the appeal** - (1 Timothy 1:5). The goal of all exhortations is always love, and yet it is often conspicuously lacking.

For this Week

Start each day humbly resting in the Lord, asking him to live a life of love through you.

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GRACE • 1 Timothy 1:12-17