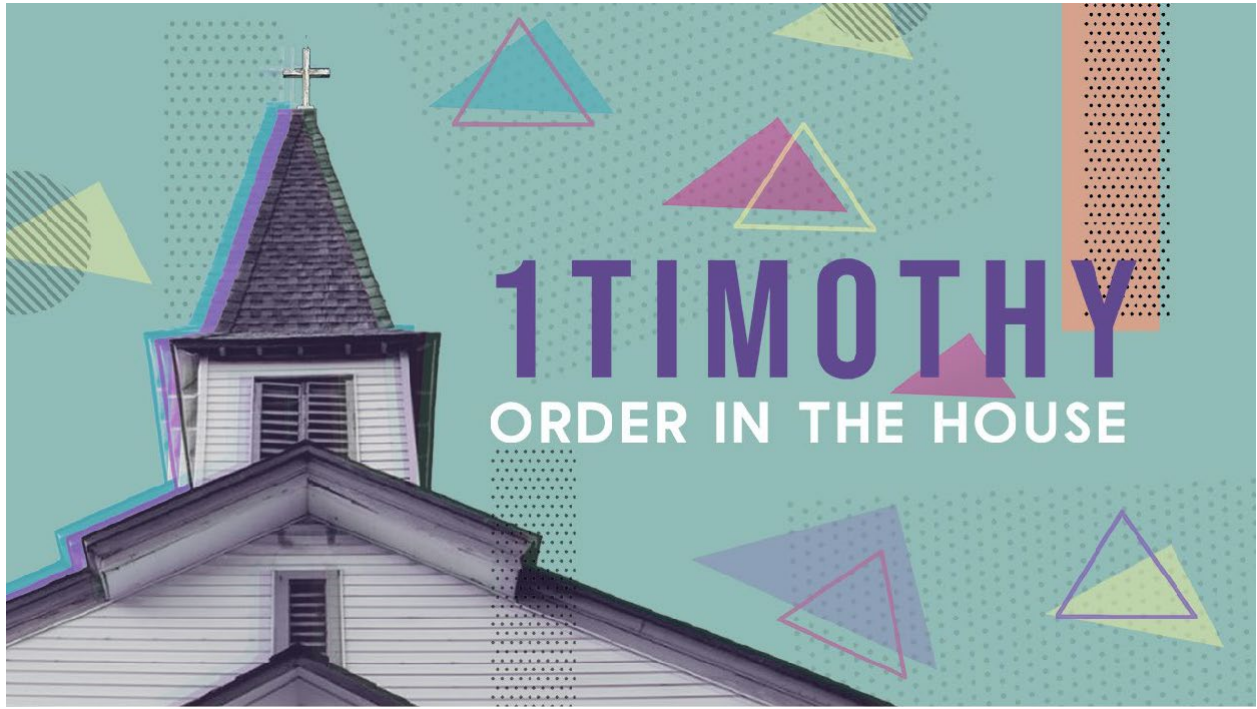


Sermon Discussion Questions: 1 Timothy 2-3



1 Timothy 2:1-7

1. Share a particular prayer that you saw God answer. How did that encourage your faith, increase your gratitude, and/or bless others?
2. According to this passage, what should characterize our prayers? How would you assess your prayer life based on the Apostle Paul's criteria? How might your prayer life grow?
3. Our prayer life should include praying for the salvation of the lost. How might remembering that God desires all to be saved strengthen your evangelistic prayers?
4. Jesus is our mediator, the one who brings us to God the Father. How does that encourage you in the midst of your sin and suffering?
5. Who is someone you are praying for right now to come to know Jesus? Spend some time as a group praying for your lost family, friends, neighbors, co-workers, and even government officials.

1 Timothy 2:8-15

1. Share a time when you noticed that men and women are different.
2. What are qualities in this passage that godly men should exhibit? What is a particular way you would like to grow as a godly man? How can your group encourage you and hold you accountable?
3. What are qualities in this passage that godly women should exhibit? What is a particular way you would like to grow as a godly woman? How can your group encourage you and hold you accountable?
4. The Apostle Paul instructs men and women to have different roles in the home and church. Talk about these differences. How might these differences be abused or misapplied?
5. How might these differences honor God and give special honor to men and women in unique ways? How might the way you relate to other men or women grow more in line with the Scriptures?

1 Timothy 3:1-7

1. Talk about a church leader (past or present) who has encouraged you in your faith. Is there a particular story that captures your admiration of him?
2. God places high priority on the character of a leader. Why do you think this is important?
3. The characteristics of an overseer are ones every believer should display in their lives. Which one in particular would you like to grow in?
4. Leading a church is challenging. How might you encourage or pray for your elders?
5. Do you or someone you know aspire to the office of elder/overseer? If you, what's a next step you can take to grow in leadership? If someone you know, how might you encourage him to grow in godly character and leadership?

1 Timothy 3:8-13

1. The meaning of the word “deacon” is servant or minister. Share a time when someone in the church particularly ministered to you.
2. Why are deacons important in the church? Who is a deacon you particularly appreciate? How might you encourage him/her today?
3. Similar to the characteristics of overseers, we should all demonstrate the characteristics of a deacon. Which one in particular would you like to grow in?
4. We are all called to be servants, regardless of whether we have the title “deacon.” What is a way you can grow in your service in your church and/or your community? How might your group encourage you or even partner with you?
[Note: Husbands and wives often serve together as deacons. For those who are married, what are ways you might serve together as a couple in the church or community?]
5. What reward is granted to those who serve well as deacons? This is similar to the words of Jesus in Matthew 25, who told all His servants: “Well done, good and faithful servant.” How might the promise of reward strengthen your resolve to serve well?

1 Timothy 3:14-16

1. The Apostle Paul reveals the intent of his writing to Timothy in verse 14: “so that you may know how one ought to behave in the household of God.” Thus far in our study of 1 Timothy, which of Paul’s instructions have you been most challenged or convicted by?
2. As a church, how do you think we are behaving and not behaving the way God intended. Spend some time thanking God for our obedience and praying for our repentance as a church.
3. There are several metaphors to describe God’s people: a household of God, a church of the living God, and a pillar and buttress of truth. Discuss how God intends His people to live out these metaphors. Which of these do you particularly identify with? Why?
4. Paul concludes this chapter with an early church hymn/doctrine of Christ. Discuss each aspect of it and how Jesus fulfills it. Which of these attributes do you want to glory in Christ today?