

## **Sermon Questions**

### **1 Timothy 1:1-11**

This week we mentioned that a pilot routinely engages in a preflight check before take-off so that if there is a problem it can be discovered on the ground rather than thousands of feet into the air. In the same way it's important for us to check God's Word so that we understand all that God intends for His church rather than relying simply on our opinions and preferences. A Biblical understanding of the church is foundational for us because Jesus Christ established the church for His disciples to experience the kingdom of God on the earth. As His ambassadors, the gathered church is His Kingdom Embassy on earthly soil for God to accomplish everything He desires in and through His people through the power of the Holy Spirit. As we began this series we talked about three things every believer must have to be a long-term contributor to Christ's church.

Here are some notes to review from this week's sermon...

### **Getting started**

#### **1 Timothy 1:1-11**

#### **A Gratitude for God's grace (1-2)**

#### **The Goal of good teaching (3-7)**

#### **The Glory of the Gospel (8-11)**

Hearing the Word of God and responding to Him is extremely important. If you haven't had the chance to listen to the message from this week you can now watch it [HERE](#). After watching, please use the following questions (if you find them helpful) in your BRAVE groups (now online every weekday) or discuss them with your family and/or friends. If you are not in a BRAVE Group now is a great time to get involved. Please email [info@bravechurch.online](mailto:info@bravechurch.online) and we will get you connected with a community that will work for you.

### **Questions**

1. Why is gratitude for God's grace imperative in the life of a believer? How does an appreciation of God's grace change how you minister to another person? How sure was Paul of His commission as an apostle? Why is understanding our calling and gifting important? Why is having the peace of God important? Why would Paul also include the word *mercy* as he writes to Timothy?
2. How was Jesus Christ affirmed by His Father? How essential is the affirmation of God for your success in ministry? What can happen if you are not living in the overflow of God's affirmation for you? How can you receive God's affirmation? How can you extend God's affirmation to others?

3. How important was Paul's affirmation of Timothy? Do we need the affirmation of earthly men? Why or why not? What difference has the affirmation of a mentor meant to you? What happens when people in the church have not been affirmed and are not ministering out of a confident identity in Christ? If you haven't received a blessing from your earthly father can you ask for one? If not, where can you find one? Who in the church would be willing to bless your life?
4. Why does the devil discourage believers who serve in the church? How does the devil discourage these servants? How necessary is it for a believer to be rooted in their identity in Christ? What happens to a believer who is looking to be affirmed by those they are ministering to? Why is that a tragic mistake? Are you rooted in your identity? Again, who has verbally blessed your life? What difference has that made?
5. Why is Paul writing to Timothy and not the elders? What authority does Timothy have in instructing the elders? Where does Timothy receive His authority?
6. What does Paul instruct Timothy to do? Why might Timothy have wanted to leave Ephesus? Why is false teaching such a big problem? Why is false teaching a bigger threat to the church than any outside threat?
7. What kinds of things were the false teachers teaching? What should teachers be teaching? Why? Where do we get our authority to teach? If false teachers are not rooted in the Word, then what are they talking about? What are some *strange doctrines* you have heard?
8. What is the goal of good teaching? Why is *love* so important? How and why does God want to grow our love? When you are growing in your love for God and others how does that impact your other spiritual disciplines?
9. What do we need to possess so that our hearers will grow in love? Explain a pure heart? Explain a clean conscience? Explain sincere faith? How can you grow in these three areas? Why are you not currently experiencing the love of God? What do you need to repent of? What do you need to change?
10. Why should the Gospel of Jesus Christ always remain foundational? How often should the Gospel of Jesus Christ be proclaimed? How central is the Gospel to every other teaching in the church?
11. Is the law for righteous or unrighteous people? Why? What are three purposes of the law? How does the law show that God is holy? How does the law show that you are not measuring up? How does the law point you to Christ? Why is it so dangerous to consider yourself as having kept the law?

12. How does the Gospel free us from the demands of the law? Why is a believer freed from the demands of the law? Since Christ fulfilled the demands of the law how does that impact us now that He lives inside of us through the Holy Spirit?
13. How grateful are you for the cross of Jesus Christ? How grateful are you that the righteous demands of the law are completely satisfied through Christ? Now that the Holy Spirit lives in you, how much do you desire to live for Christ?
14. What was your greatest take-a-way from the message this week? What step of faith has the Holy Spirit asked you to take?