

Sermon Questions

1 Timothy 4:1-10

This week we discussed how we as believers in Christ can have consistently good service to our Lord and to other people. Four lessons emerged from the text that are important for every believer to understand for their personal growth. If we will listen to God's Word and apply His truth into our lives we can live as good servants of the Lord Jesus Christ. Some of these lessons are difficult to hear and some are difficult to implement but with the help of the Holy Spirit these truths are foundational for continued maturity in Christ. Once you have listened to this week's message, please consider your own life as a servant of Christ and carefully consider how Jesus is guiding you.

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

Consistent Good Service

1 Timothy 4:1-10

You serve well when you...

Realize some will abandon the faith (1-5)

Guide and protect with Biblical instruction (6-7a)

Train for the purpose godliness (7b-9)

Exhaust yourself in ministry (10)

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 and we will get you connected with a community that will work for you.

Questions

1. What does it mean that some people will abandon the faith? Why is it important that Christians understand that some people will indeed depart from the faith? When people depart from the faith what does this demonstrate about them (see 1 John 2:19)?
2. Why do people depart from the faith? What are doctrines of demons or deceitful spirits? How do they work and what are they attempting to accomplish? Who do these spirits work through? Why does satan attempt to use leadership in the church to accomplish his purposes? What are some of the ways he does this?

3. How do false teachers deny God's goodness? What are some of the things false teachers forbid? Why do they forbid these things? Why should Christians be thankful for every good gift that God provides? How should we be thankful in prayer for everything we receive?
4. How does a departure from the faith start with a departure from God's Word? Why is departing from God's Word such a tragedy? Why must the Word of God be primary in the ministry of the local church? How frequently should a pastor use a Bible? Why is hearing truth at times uncomfortable?
5. How do we best guide and protect God's people? Why is Biblical instruction imperative? Why is being fed the Word of God so important for a believer? Should a believer apologize for wanting to be fed the Word of God? What should we do if we are attending a church where the Word of God is not proclaimed? Why should we leave?
6. What did God instruct pastors to do in 2 Timothy 4:2? What did God instruct Ezekiel in Ezekiel 3:17-21? What does God require of His preachers and prophets? Why does God take these positions so seriously?
7. Why do we need to train for the purpose of godliness? What is godliness? Why must we train ourselves and not just expect growth to automatically happen? How should we train? Who should we train with? How often should we train?
8. What does it mean to have God's favor? What does "The Lord was with Him" mean? How do we experience God's presence and favor in our lives? What was God's promise to Joshua in Deuteronomy 31:8? How does this Scripture compare with Joshua 1:8? What is God wanting to communicate?
9. What does it mean to exhaust yourself in ministry? Why should we be compelled to give God our best time and effort? What did Jesus Christ ever do for us? Why should Jesus Christ and His earthly ministry motivate us to service?
10. Why should our hope be fixed upon Jesus Christ? How is Jesus the Savior of the world if not everyone is saved? How is Jesus the Savior in a special way to those who have trusted in Him as their Lord?
11. How is God showing you to apply His Word this week? What is one application from this week's message that you need to apply?