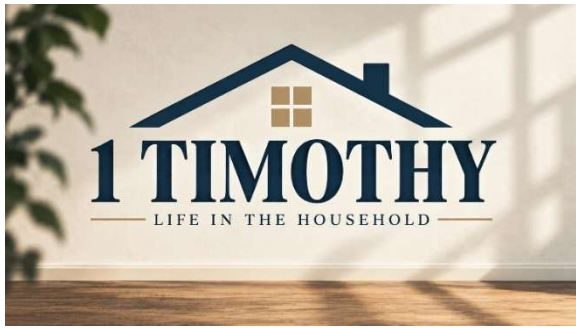




Groups Discussion Guide

Committed to Biblical Doctrine (1 Timothy 1:3-11)

Ice-Breaker: In everyday life what are some ways in which what we believe effects how we live? How is this true for a Church that seeks to be Biblical?

Big Idea: We must be voraciously committed to Biblical doctrine.

4 characteristics of Biblical Doctrine

1. Biblical Doctrine will be challenged (Read 1 Timothy 1:3-4)

- What instructions does Paul give Timothy in these verses?
- How had people in Ephesus drifted from Biblical doctrine?
- What are some ways in which churches can drift from biblical doctrine, perhaps without committing any GLARING theological errors?
- How can we protect ourselves from false doctrine and preserve biblical doctrine?

2. Biblical doctrine bears good fruit (Read 1 Timothy 1:5-6)

- What was the goal of Paul's instruction?
- How had the false teachers in Ephesus drifted from this?
- How is biblical growth related to gardening/agriculture? How does Biblical doctrine as opposed to false doctrine play a role in how we grow as individuals and as a Church?

3. Biblical doctrine correctly uses the law (Read 1 Timothy 1:7-10)

- Discuss how Paul says the law is to be applied from these verses and how false teachers had perverted this?
- What would be an improper way to use the law today? What would be the correct way to use it?

4. Biblical doctrine is gospel centered (Read 1 Timothy 1:11)

- How is truly biblical teaching rooted in the gospel?
- Some become fanatical when discussing issues such as the law, prophecy, end times, and politics. How can keeping the gospel at the center keeps us balanced?

Closing Prayer: Close by praying for Cornerstone to protect itself from false doctrine by being voraciously committed to Biblical doctrine.

Group Prayer Guide – Cornerstone Community Church Prayer List (20-25 minutes)

- 1. Pray that we would fulfill our mission “to make disciples who KNOW Christ, GROW in community, and GO on mission.”
- 2. Pray that we would see people saved, baptized, and added to the Church through membership.
- 3. Pray that disciples would grow in their faith and be fruitful in making new disciples.
- 4. Pray that God would give us wisdom and spiritual discernment for the future.
- 5. Pray for strength, comfort, and healing for the sick and hurting.
- 6. Pray that we would walk in Holiness.
- 7. Pray for our Church’s Pastor and Elders
- 8. Pray that God would provide elders and deacons for our Church
- 9. Pray that we would be a fruitful Church that PRODUCES new disciples and new Churches in Chicagoland and around the world.
- 10. Pray that God would make us generous in giving of our time, treasure, and talents, as He has been so generous to us through the gospel and that we would continue to meet our budgetary needs throughout the year.
- 11. Pray for our missionaries serving Christ around the world.
- 12. Pray for lost family, friends, neighbors, co-workers, etc. by name
- 13. Pray that our members would spend time weekly engaging their community for the gospel.
- 14. Pray that God would send our Church “softballs” – people who are ready to hear and respond to the gospel.
- 15. Pray that our Church would grow in love, have the correct priorities and live fruitful lives (Php. 1:9-11)

Groups Prayer Requests
