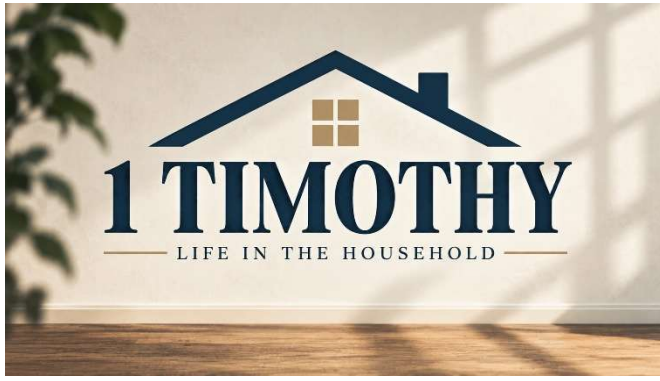




Groups Discussion Guide

Living Properly (1 Timothy 1:1-2)

Ice-Breaker: What were some of your household rules growing up (especially the strange ones)? What were the consequences of breaking those rules? How does this apply to life in God's household?

Big Idea: We must learn how to live properly in God's household, the Church.

3 ways we can each learn from this letter.

1. We must receive God's instructions (**Read 1 Timothy 1:1**)

- Why does Paul bring up the fact he was an apostle? What were the qualifications of an apostle (Acts 1:21-22, 1 Cor. 9:1, 15:7-9, Gal. 1:1, 2 Cor 12:12)? What did an apostle do?
- Read **2 Peter 1:20-21**: What does this tell us about the authorship of 1 Timothy? Why is this relevant?
- How **2 Timothy 3:16-17** challenge us to approach this study of 1 Timothy?

2. We can relate to Timothy (**Read 1 Timothy 1:2**)

- Read/Study the following passages: 1 Timothy 4:12, 5:23, 2 Timothy 1:6-7, 4:5, 1 Cor. 16:10-11
- What do these verses tell us about Timothy?
- In what ways can understanding this about Timothy encourage us as we go into this study?

3. We must apply the house rules

- Do some research on the background and contents of 1 Timothy (google counts 😊). What were some of the challenges that Timothy had in Ephesus that Paul was seeking to help him with?
- Why is it important to base what we do in our Church on the Word of God, rather than our pragmatic opinions?
- What are you most excited about heading into our study of 1 Timothy?

Closing Prayer: Close by praying for God's help in applying the principles of 1 Timothy to our household, Cornerstone Community Church.

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
