

Doctrine Matters
1 Timothy 1:1-11

Why does sound doctrine matter?

- I. Sound doctrine preserves the church
 - A. The problem in the Ephesian church (v. 1-3; Acts 20:29-30)
 - B. The danger for the church today
- II. Sound doctrine produces love
 - A. The result of bad doctrine (v. 4a)
 - B. The result of sound doctrine (v. 4b-5)
- III. Sound doctrine exalts Christ
 - A. Who bad doctrine exalts (v. 6-9a)
 - B. Who sound doctrine exalts (v. 9b-11; Rom. 3:20, 7:7)

Application Guide:

1. "If Scripture doesn't define the church, the forces of culture will." How do you see the forces of culture defining the church today?
2. How have you seen bad, or speculative, doctrine produce division and elitism? How has your love for God and others increased as you have learned more of God's character?
3. Who is the hero of your story? Who is the hero of your children's story? How does your doctrine determine the answer to these questions?