



Outward Group Discussion Guide

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SUMMARY

This sermon explores the profound question "Who am I?" through the lens of 1 Timothy 1:8-17, challenging listeners to examine their understanding of themselves in light of God's law and grace. The message emphasizes that God's law was established not as a means of self-justification, but to reveal our inability to save ourselves and our desperate need for Jesus Christ. The pastor vulnerably shares his own journey from pride and self-righteousness to humility and surrender, illustrating how the gospel transforms us from spiritual death to abundant life. The sermon powerfully communicates that Jesus came specifically to save sinners, offering overflowing grace that covers all our inadequacy. Rather than trying to clean ourselves up before coming to Christ, we must recognize that acknowledging our brokenness is the very pathway to experiencing God's mercy and transformation.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Kevin describes living 35 years without humility, believing he was right about everything. In what areas of your life might pride be preventing you from seeing your need for Jesus?
2. Paul warns against using God's law to justify ourselves rather than to reveal our need for a Savior. How do you see people today using religion or morality as a measuring stick rather than recognizing their brokenness?
3. The sermon mentions that we often only surround ourselves with people who won't rebuke us or call out sin in our lives. Do you have relationships characterized by honest accountability, and if not, what steps could you take to cultivate them?
4. Kevin states that defining love in any way other than how God intended is telling God we know better than Him. How does culture's definition of love differ from biblical love, and where do you find yourself tempted to embrace worldly definitions?

5. The sermon emphasizes that God's judgment is an act of grace that leads us to repentance. How does viewing God's judgment as loving correction rather than condemnation change your perspective on conviction of sin?
6. Paul says he is the foremost of sinners, yet many modern gospel presentations leave this part out to emphasize positivity. Why is acknowledging ourselves as chief sinners essential to truly understanding grace?
7. Kevin describes trying everything to change himself before surrendering to Jesus. What areas of your life are you still trying to fix through your own strength rather than through Christ's power?
8. The sermon mentions that Paul's life didn't get easier after salvation but was marked by persecution and suffering. How does this challenge the cultural expectation that following Jesus should make life more comfortable?
9. Kevin asks whether we are thankful for our relationship with Jesus even in suffering. How does gratitude for salvation transform mundane or difficult daily tasks like cleaning toilets or responding to emails?

10. The message emphasizes that Jesus came to save sinners, not the clean or righteous. What lies or barriers prevent you from believing you belong in church or in relationship with Jesus right now?