



Outward Group Discussion Guide

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SUMMARY

This sermon explores the Apostle Paul's letter to Timothy, emphasizing the critical importance of maintaining sound doctrine in the church and in personal life. The pastor challenges the congregation to examine their own "doctrine" - their way of life and what truly governs their decisions and priorities. He stresses that everyone lives by some doctrine, whether consciously chosen or not, and calls believers to ensure their lives are rooted in the gospel of Jesus Christ rather than cultural distractions like politics, health trends, or social media influences. The message particularly emphasizes the responsibility of raising the next generation in faith, comparing it to Paul's mentoring of Timothy and the influence of Timothy's mother and grandmother. The pastor calls for commitment to the local church despite conflict, for evangelistic zeal in daily life, and for men to step up as elders. He concludes with a practical announcement about using video teaching to serve multiple campuses, asking for trust as the church navigates growth and sustainability.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Pastor Matt shared how his former doctrine was to 'get even' when wronged, leading him to destructive actions. What doctrine or way of life did you develop from your upbringing and experiences, and how has following Christ challenged or changed it?
2. Paul told Timothy to 'remain at Ephesus' despite difficulty and conflict. In what area of your life is God calling you to stay rather than run, and what might the 'good stuff' look like if you persevere?
3. The sermon emphasizes that moms and grandmothers have the privilege of pastoring their children, as seen with Timothy's mother Eunice and grandmother Lois. How can parents prioritize spiritual formation in their homes when cultural pressures pull in so many directions?
4. Paul asks Timothy, 'Do you have any children in the faith?' Who are you intentionally discipling or raising up spiritually, and what would it look like to invest more deeply in the next generation?
5. The pastor describes how consumeristic church culture asks 'what's here for me' rather than being

outward-focused. How can you shift from being a consumer of church programs to someone who actively cares for unsaved coworkers, neighbors, and classmates?

6. The sermon warns against 'vain discussion' as the breeding ground for deconstruction, where being 'one degree off' today becomes 'a mile off' later. What topics or influences might be subtly pulling you away from gospel-centered living?
7. Paul writes that the aim of sound doctrine is 'love that issues from a pure heart and a good conscience and a sincere faith.' How does this three-legged stool help you evaluate whether your beliefs and actions are genuinely Christ-centered or motivated by something else?
8. The pastor challenges listeners to consider whether they represent Christ or their political views, hobbies, or other 'gospels' in their daily interactions. What would change if you consciously asked God each morning to help you move at least one conversation toward Jesus?
9. Ephesians 1:7 describes the true doctrine: 'In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins.' How does focusing on this

core truth protect you from being distracted by secondary issues or false teachings?