

The Inspiration

Series: The Illustrated Gospel (Message 1) **Date:** July 4, 2021

The Church is the Gospel lived.

- 1 Timothy 3:14–15

The Gospel is the inspiration for our illustrations.

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We need to recall how to be the Church (3:14–15).

- Luke 14:26

God's family knows and supports the truth (3:15–16).

- 1 Timothy 3:15
- 1 Timothy 3:16a
- 1 Timothy 3:16
- 1 Corinthians 15:3–9
- 1 Timothy 3:16

Knowing and living the truth keeps us in the family (4:1–4).

- 1 Timothy 4:1–2
- 1 Timothy 4:3–5

sermon discussion

GROUP DISCUSSION

1. What single idea or experience do you think has inspired the most songs to be written?
2. Read 1 Timothy 3:14-15. Which practices or actions of the Church do you think do the best job of reflecting the gospel to the world?
3. Read John 20:21. How does it make you feel to know that you are sent into the world like Jesus was? What actions of Jesus do you see the Church doing in the world?
4. Read 1 Tim 3:14-4:5. Where in these verses can you see the concepts that relate to our church vision of loving, living, and sharing Christ?
5. Read 1 Timothy 3:16. Carefully look at each line in this statement. Discuss what we would lose if the church stopped proclaiming any one of these statements about Jesus.
6. Read 1 Timothy 4:1-3. When in your life do you think you might have been too restrictive in your religious life? In which ways were these restrictions sincere or insincere?
7. Read 1 Timothy 4:4-5. In what practical ways can the church demonstrate that enjoying the love of God and His great gifts is more important than appearing religious or reacting to sin?

GOING FURTHER

Memorize Scripture: *"Do not be deceived, my beloved brothers. Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change."* **James 1:16-17**

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