

DISCIPLESHIP RESOURCES

# DISCUSSION GUIDES

EVERY MONDAY

## Discussion Guide

Sunday Sermon 10.4.26



### Reestablishing God's Standard in the Church

#### Part 3: We MUST Never Forsake the Gospel

This guide is designed to help your family or group take what was taught on Sunday and move from simply hearing the information to applying it in ways that build up and encourage one another. Feel free to adjust the depth and number of questions based on your time and the size of your group.

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## Overview

This week's sermon walked through 1 Timothy 1:12-20, where Paul reminds Timothy of three essential commitments for the church: never forgetting what God's grace has done in our lives, never losing sight of the purpose of the gospel, and fighting to remain faithful to the gospel. Using his own dramatic transformation as the primary example, Paul anchors sound doctrine not just in theological argument but in personal testimony and lived experience.

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## Key Takeaways

- The church must never forget what God's grace has done in individual lives. Familiarity with the gospel can cause us to stop being amazed by it, which weakens our witness and our walk.
  - The purpose of the gospel is to save sinners, not to make good people better or give religious people a better system. Keeping this in view shapes how we see the lost people around us.
  - Remaining faithful to the gospel is an active fight, not a passive experience. A neglected conscience, unchecked sin, or tolerated false teaching can lead to spiritual shipwreck gradually, not all at once.
  - Church discipline, when it is exercised, is always aimed at restoration, not rejection.
  - Parents are called to be faithful stewards of their children's spiritual environment, while trusting God alone to bring about the miracle of new birth.
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## Discussion Questions

### Opening

1. When you first heard or truly understood the gospel, what was your initial reaction? How has that reaction changed or stayed the same over time?
2. The pastor mentioned that busyness is one of Satan's tools to make believers forget what grace has done in their lives. In what ways have you experienced that personally?

### Never Forget What Grace Has Done

3. Paul described himself in 1 Timothy 1:12-14 as a blasphemer, a persecutor, and an insolent man who nonetheless received mercy. Why do you think Paul consistently returned to his past rather than distancing himself from it? What does that teach us about how we should view our own stories?

4. The pastor said, "If you don't see yourself in some ways as the chief of sinners, then Jesus is not going to be a special savior to you." Do you agree with that statement? How does a person's view of their own sinfulness affect how they relate to Jesus?
5. Have you ever run into someone from your past who was surprised by how your life has changed? How did that moment affect you, and did it give you an opportunity to point to what God has done?

### **Never Lose Sight of the Gospel's Purpose**

6. The pastor admitted that he sometimes gets frustrated with lost people for acting like lost people. Can you relate to that? How does remembering the purpose of the gospel — that Christ came to save sinners — change the way you approach those people?
7. Paul's conversion is presented in verse 16 as a pattern, a public display of Christ's patience intended to give hope to future believers. Who in your life might need to hear your testimony as evidence that no one is beyond the reach of God's grace?
8. The pastor challenged the group to consider whether people walk away from an encounter with them feeling like they received a fresh drink of water. What would need to change in your daily attitude or interactions for that to be more consistently true?

### **Fight to Remain Faithful**

9. Paul uses military language in verse 18, calling Timothy to "wage the good warfare." What does that kind of active, intentional faithfulness look like in ordinary daily life? What are the specific battles you are facing right now?
10. The pastor described spiritual shipwreck as something that almost never happens all at once. It begins with a small compromise, a sin left unaddressed, a truth quietly reinterpreted. Looking at your own life honestly, are there any small things you have been ignoring that could become something larger?
11. The pastor spoke plainly about pornography as a real and present danger, noting that it almost always begins with something small and escalates. How should the church create an environment where people feel safe enough to be honest about these kinds of struggles rather than hiding them?
12. When Paul handed Hymenaeus and Alexander over to Satan, the stated purpose was that they might learn not to blaspheme. The goal was restoration. How does understanding church discipline as a tool of restoration rather than punishment change how you think about it?

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## **Practical Applications**

- This week, take ten to fifteen minutes to write out your personal testimony. Focus specifically on who you were before Christ and what changed. Consider how you might share it naturally in a conversation with someone who does not know Jesus.

- Identify one person in your life who is far from God and whom you have been tempted to write off or grow frustrated with. Commit to praying for that person daily this week and asking God for one genuine opportunity to show them love.
  - Read Titus 2:11-14 on your own this week. Reflect on how meditating on grace is meant to produce holy living, not just emotional gratitude. Journal one area of your life where you sense God's grace calling you to say no to something ungodly.
  - If you are a parent, take time this week to evaluate whether you are being a faithful steward of your children's spiritual environment. That does not mean having a perfect plan. It means praying consistently, modeling genuine faith, and trusting God for the increase.
  - Examine your conscience honestly. Is there a truth you have been reinterpreting, a behavior you have been justifying, or a warning from the Holy Spirit you have been ignoring? Bring it before God in repentance this week, and consider sharing it with a trusted brother or sister in Christ for accountability.
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## Closing Prayer Focus

Close your group time by praying together over these specific things:

- Gratitude for the grace of God that saved each person in the room
- Boldness to share the gospel with lost people in your daily circles
- Protection against spiritual drift and the slow creep of compromise
- Restoration for anyone in your community or church family who has experienced spiritual shipwreck
- Faithfulness for your church's leaders and teachers to remain anchored to the Word of God