

SUMMARY

As we continued in our series *In It to Win It,* Pastor Frank took us through 1 Timothy 1:1-4 with a message entitled, "Grace to Stay". Paul knew from his own experience the heavy burden Timothy would have as he pastored the Ephesian church. However, he encouraged Timothy to lean on the truth of God's Word as he walked in obedience to God's calling!

1. Paul was commanded, by God, to be an apostle.

- {Insert your name}, called to be ______ by the will of God. How would you fill in the blank?
- Is it something that you want to be (or do)? Why or why not?
- How can your calling from God help you make it through the inevitable tough times?

2. Doctrine matters to God.

APPLICATION

- Paul wanted Timothy to defend right doctrine. Why does doctrine matter so much to God?
- What's at stake if we allow any and all doctrine to stand as truth?
- Give an example of how a doctrine has affected your decision making.

3. Remain in Ephesus because God the gives grace to stay.

- Share a life experience where the Lord told you to stay put, even when it was difficult.
- Have you ever left a situation or circumstance that, in hindsight, you now realize you should have stayed in and trusted God for the grace? Please share your experience.
- Are you burdened to stay in something now that this group can lift you up in prayer in?

PRAYER

- 1. That you would know His will for your life.
- 2. That His grace, as you live according to His command, would edify and sustain you.







