

IN IT TO WIN IT

Small Group APPLICATION QUESTIONS

“Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says.” James 1:22 NIV

SUMMARY

This week Pastor Frank taught a message from I Timothy 1:5-11 entitled, “More Than Words”. In this passage we saw that the reason for Paul’s charge to Timothy, to confront false doctrine in the church, was actually love from a pure heart and sincere faith. Paul then outlines why they cannot tolerate those who teach obedience to the law as a means to salvation or sanctification.

1. There are some things that love will not tolerate (like false doctrine and heresy).

- In today’s culture, to be loving is to be tolerant, and to be tolerant means accepting and affirming of all viewpoints. Share an example of how someone might not tolerate false teaching, but might do so in love.
- What situation(s) are you facing currently where you need to show love to someone, but cannot be tolerant of their views?

2. Our doctrine matters because it impacts our destiny and our duty.

- How does one’s doctrine, that is their beliefs, impact their destiny?
- Since people’s beliefs impact their eternal destiny, what duty do you have to help challenge wrongs beliefs?
- How might you fulfill your duty to bring an awareness to wrong beliefs, but in a spirit of love and grace?

3. Lawful living is awful living.

- According to verses 8-9, what was the purpose of the Old Testament law?
- In what ways do you find yourself thinking, maybe ever so slightly, that you can complete the work of Christ by keeping some aspect of the law?
- Contrast what it looks like to live for God’s approval by keeping the law verses receiving God’s approval by grace.

APPLICATION

PRAYER

Pray that, in love, we would challenge wrong doctrine in our individual sphere of influence.

