



January 29, 2023

SCRIPTURE PASSAGE: 1 Timothy 6:1-2

Let all who are under a yoke as bondservants regard their own masters as worthy of all honor, so that the name of God and the teaching may not be reviled. ²Those who have believing masters must not be disrespectful on the ground that they are brothers; rather they must serve all the better since those who benefit by their good service are believers and beloved. ¹

D-GROUP AGENDA

Welcome & Catch Up

Begin your D-Group time by taking a few minutes to catch up since your last meeting. Share updates regarding prayer requests shared previously and celebrate what God has done and is doing in the lives of your group members.

Read It

Read the scripture passage, highlighting portions that stand out and things you wish to discuss.

Study It

Among your group, discuss those things that stand out in the passage. For things that may be confusing or create more questions, work together to discover God's truth. For some questions, we recommend going to gotquestions.org. This resource offers solid, succinct, biblical answers to many questions.

Some good commentaries on 1 Timothy are:

Hughes, R. Kent and Bryan Chapell. *1-2 Timothy and Titus: To Guard the Deposit*. Preaching the Word Commentary. Wheaton, IL: Crossway, 2012.

Köstenberger, Andreas J. *1-2 Timothy and Titus*. Evangelical Biblical Theology Commentary. Bellingham, WA: Lexham, 2020.

Platt, David and Daniel L. Akin. *Christ-Centered Exposition: Exalting Jesus in 1 & 2 Timothy and Titus*. Nashville: Holman, 2013.

Review It

The issue of slavery brings to mind many horrific images, especially for Americans. More so for African Americans. From the images from the old mini-series *Roots*, to updated stories such as *Ten Years a Slave*, the reality is that black Africans were captured, transported, and sold as little as less than human workers to those in Europe, the Americas and elsewhere.

¹ [The Holy Bible: English Standard Version](http://www.bible.com). (2016). (1 Ti 6:1–2). Wheaton, IL: Crossway Bibles.

Pastor David addressed the sinful reality of slavery as it relates to how one views other image-bearers of Christ. What are some of the arguments you have heard for biblical era slavery and do you think they are legitimate? Why so or why not?

How has the view of others of different cultures been used to divide people over the years? Do you have any personal stories of how pre-conceived ideas or prejudices have impacted you, either as the one being looked down upon or vice versa?

Based on what Paul says here, in conjunction with his letter to the Ephesians and even his letter to Philemon, how should a Christian view the issue of slavery historically and currently?

To be a slave to God sounds a bit overreaching, but it is in the Bible. What are your thoughts of that phrase and how would you explain the teaching to another?

Five Questions

1. What did you like about this week's scripture passage and sermon?
2. What did you not like or find confusing about this week's scripture passage and sermon?
3. What does this week's scripture passage and sermon say about God?
4. What does this week's scripture passage and sermon say about humanity?
5. Who outside your group needs to hear the truths from this week's sermon?

Prayer

Pray for each other. Pray for our church and for others gathering in D-groups. Pray for specific needs shared among your members.