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**SCRIPTURE PASSAGE: 1 Timothy 1:3-7**

<sup>3</sup> As I urged you when I was going to Macedonia, remain at Ephesus so that you may charge certain persons not to teach any different doctrine, <sup>4</sup> nor to devote themselves to myths and endless genealogies, which promote speculations rather than the stewardship from God that is by faith. <sup>5</sup> The aim of our charge is love that issues from a pure heart and a good conscience and a sincere faith. <sup>6</sup> Certain persons, by swerving from these, have wandered away into vain discussion, <sup>7</sup> desiring to be teachers of the law, without understanding either what they are saying or the things about which they make confident assertions. <sup>1</sup>

**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](http://gotquestions.org). This resource offers solid, succinct, biblical answers to many questions.

Some good commentaries on Psalms are:

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

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

**Review It**

As Paul begins his letter to Timothy, it is needful to remember that Timothy is in Ephesus. Paul visited Ephesus and spent about three years there during his second missionary journey. Much happened in the city there and that account is found in Acts 18-20. One of the most poignant things mentioned in Acts 20 is Paul's warning that false teachers will likely rise up within the

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<sup>1</sup> [The Holy Bible: English Standard Version](http://www.gotquestions.org). (2016). (1 Ti 1:3-7). Wheaton, IL: Crossway Bibles.

church and infiltrate the leadership positions. As 1 Timothy is written about five years after that event, it is clear that Paul's warning has come true.

What do you think of today when it comes to false teachers in the church? Who comes to mind and why?

What is more dangerous, in your opinion, an obvious false teacher outside the church or one who is versed in church and religious language? Why do you think that is the case?

In the warnings given, Paul calls out these people who are wolves. He instructs Timothy to deal with them. How do you respond to this naming of names?

How come so many parachurch organizations have been developed in America over the past century? What are your opinion of such?

How does the warning about "going deeper" resonate with you?

### **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.