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SCRIPTURE PASSAGE: 1 Timothy 1:8-11

⁸ Now we know that the law is good, if one uses it lawfully, ⁹ understanding this, that the law is not laid down for the just but for the lawless and disobedient, for the ungodly and sinners, for the unholy and profane, for those who strike their fathers and mothers, for murderers, ¹⁰ the sexually immoral, men who practice homosexuality, enslavers, liars, perjurers, and whatever else is contrary to sound doctrine, ¹¹ in accordance with the gospel of the glory of the blessed God with which I have been entrusted. 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 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

Paul's references to the Law is shorthand for the Old Testament. Most specifically he is referencing the Torah – the first five books of the Bible. This is the portion of scripture that the false teachers in the church pontificated about and focused on genealogies and myths. They were focusing on stories that were not true and were stirring up confusion among the believers.

¹ [The Holy Bible: English Standard Version](http://www.bible.com/bible/1-ti/1-8-11). (2016). (1 Ti 1:8–11). Wheaton, IL: Crossway Bibles.

The problem is not the law, but the lies taught about it. That's Paul's point.

What are some examples you have experienced where true passages of scripture were read, but were twisted in such a way as to confuse the listeners or worse, caused some to stumble?

How can the truth become a lie?

How should Christians, living under God's grace, use the law lawfully?

When Paul says the law was established, or made for sinners, what does he mean?

J.C. Ryle's statement regarding holiness was read by Pastor Mike.

*"There is no greater mistake than to suppose that a Christian has nothing to do with the law and the Ten Commandments, because he cannot be justified by keeping them. The same Holy Ghost who convinces the believer of sin by the law, and leads him to Christ for justification, will always lead him to a spiritual use of the law, as a friendly guide, in the pursuit of sanctification."*²

What do you think of that statement?

Pastor Mike said, "To a hammer, everything is a nail, but when you have a nail before you the appropriate tool is a hammer?" What did he mean by that?

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.

² J.C. Ryle, *Holiness: Its Nature, Hindrances, Difficulties, and Roots* (London: William Hunt and Company, 1889), 39-40.