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SCRIPTURE PASSAGE: 1 Timothy 1:12-17

¹² I thank him who has given me strength, Christ Jesus our Lord, because he judged me faithful, appointing me to his service, ¹³ though formerly I was a blasphemer, persecutor, and insolent opponent. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, ¹⁴ and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁵ **The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost.** ¹⁶ But I received mercy for this reason, that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display his perfect patience as an example to those who were to believe in him for eternal life. ¹⁷ To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen. 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

“Bad news is everywhere. Good news is everything.”

¹ [The Holy Bible: English Standard Version](http://www.bible.com). (2016). (1 Ti 1:12–17). Wheaton, IL: Crossway Bibles.

What did Pastor David mean by this statement?

Paul states that Jesus is the judge – the one who judged him faithful, appointing him to service. Yet, when you think of Jesus as a judge, that flies in the face of modern cultural desires. There is a worldview that bristles at the word judge and especially when it comes to Christianity. Why do you think this is such a divisive word? Do you think our American or western mindset makes it more or less divisive?

Have you seen the “He Gets Us” campaign ads? If so, what was your thought when you first saw them? What makes something look good, but not godly?

Jesus is our justifier. That is different than being our judge, but just as important. What does this mean?

When it comes to joy in the Lord, what keeps you from experiencing 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.