



October 30, 2022

**SCRIPTURE PASSAGE: 1 Timothy 1:18-20**

**<sup>18</sup> This charge I entrust to you, Timothy, my child, in accordance with the prophecies previously made about you, that by them you may wage the good warfare, <sup>19</sup> holding faith and a good conscience. By rejecting this, some have made shipwreck of their faith, <sup>20</sup> among whom are Hymenaeus and Alexander, whom I have handed over to Satan that they may learn not to blaspheme. <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**

Pastor Mike stated this in Sunday's sermon:

John Hus, the chancellor of the university of Prague was condemned as a heretic by the Roman Catholic church and burned at the stake on July 6, 1415 after being guaranteed safe conduct to the council of Constance. He was not a heretic but was outspoken against the theological errors and abuses of the Roman Catholic Church of His day. Even as they offered him a last-minute pardon if he would recant, he is recorded as saying, *"I shall die with joy today in the faith of the gospel"*

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<sup>1</sup> [The Holy Bible: English Standard Version](http://TheHolyBible.org). (2016). (1 Ti 1:18–20). Wheaton, IL: Crossway Bibles.

*which I have preached.”<sup>2</sup> His legacy would go beyond that moment though as one historian notes, “Hus is said to have uttered the words, ‘You may roast this goose [Hus means Goose in Czech], but a hundred years from now a swan will arise whose singing you will not be able to silence.’ Almost exactly a hundred years later, Martin Luther unleashed the doctrine of justification by faith alone on the world. A great admirer of Hus, Luther was ardent in his belief that he was the promised swan; after his death Lutheran churches would use swans as weathervanes, and the reformer would be portrayed with a swan.”<sup>3</sup>*

Today many churches celebrate Reformation Sunday, anticipating October 31, Reformation Day. Tomorrow marks the significance of October 31, 1517 when Martin Luther nailed his 95 theses to the door of the church in Wittenburg, Germany sparking what we now recall as the Protestant Reformation.

How does the Reformation, the statement by Luther, and the great pushback against the Roman Catholic Church related to Paul’s letter to Timothy?

In an age when everyone seems to want a fight, what makes such a battle righteous, sacred, right, and godly? What makes people view things as such while actually doing harm to Christ’s church?

### **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.<sup>4</sup>

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<sup>2</sup> Nick Needham, *2000 Years of Christ’s Power*, p. 423.

<sup>3</sup> Michael Reeves, *The Unquenchable Flame*, pp. 31-32.