



**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
ORANGE PARK**

discussion guide

December 4, 2022

SCRIPTURE PASSAGE: 1 Timothy 3:14-16

¹⁴ I hope to come to you soon, but I am writing these things to you so that, ¹⁵ if I delay, you may know how one ought to behave in the household of God, which is the church of the living God, a pillar and buttress of the truth. ¹⁶ Great indeed, we confess, is the mystery of godliness:

**He was manifested in the flesh,
vindicated by the Spirit,
seen by angels,
proclaimed among the nations,
believed on in the world,
taken up in glory. 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.

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

¹ [The Holy Bible: English Standard Version](http://www.bible.com/bible/1-ti/3-14-16). (2016). (1 Ti 3:14–16). Wheaton, IL: Crossway Bibles.

Review It

Pastor David spoke of the universal church and the local church. Both of these use the word “church” which is an English transliteration of the Greek word ekklesia. How do you see the confusion in the universal and the local impacting your family, friends, and even fellow church members?

How can you explain the need to be part of a local church to someone who does not desire to join a local body? What about when a local church is dealing with ungodly behavior within? How do you deal with that? What did Paul instruct Timothy to do in this case?

When the question is asked “Do you love the church?” what is your honest answer? Why do you believe some struggle greatly with this question?

How do you see a focus on behaving well to be taken out of context of what Paul is saying in this passage?

When Pastor David read the A.W. Tozer quote, how did you respond? Here’s the quote:

Has it ever occurred to you that one hundred pianos all tuned to the same fork are automatically tuned to each other? They are of one accord by being tuned, not to each other, but to another standard to which each one must individually bow. So one hundred worshipers met together, each one looking away to Christ, are in heart nearer to each other than they could possibly be were they to become “unity” conscious and turn their eyes away from God to strive for closer fellowship.

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.