



STOP THE GARBAGE AND STICK TO THE GOSPEL DISCUSSION QUESTIONS


1 TIMOTHY 1:1-8


- 1 **We are beginning a new series through 1 Timothy as a church.** Read through and discuss Paul's purpose statement for writing this book in 1 Timothy 3:14-15.

 *What are some issues or questions you are looking forward to hearing this book speak to?*

 *Think of more than just the needs of others or of our culture. How does Paul's reason for writing this book in 1 Tim. 3:14-15 meet you in your life and situation?*

- 2 **How do you think the gospel is under attack today?** What pulls people away from sound doctrine and threatens churches in our culture? What does false teaching look like in our day?

 *Can you identify any contemporary parallels to the nature or methodology of false teaching in 1 Timothy 1?*

 *What are some indicators that a group is not healthy, even though it might call itself Christian?*

 *Who or what is the ultimate source of false doctrine? See John 8:44, 2 Corinthians 11:14-15, 1 Timothy 4:1.*

3 **Why is maintaining sound doctrine and refuting false teaching so important?** *What's at stake?*

🗨️ *What are some of the things that make this important task so hard for so many today?*

🗨️ *What could help the church be more effective at teaching doctrine?*

🗨️ *What can you do to increase your discernment between false and true teaching and to follow the truth?*

🗨️ *How can people maintain a good balance between learning the doctrines of the faith and doing the work of the faith?*

4 **Paul wrote to Timothy urging him to stick to the true gospel.** Discuss how teaching the law alone contrasts with the healthy teaching of the gospel. What is the purpose of the law and how can it be rightly or lawfully (1 Tim. 1:8) used? See also *Romans 3:20*, *Galatians 3:24-26*, *Matthew 22:37-40*, *James 1:25*.

📖 *According to Matt. 5:17 who fulfilled the law and what does that mean for Christians today? (See also Romans 6:14, 7:4-6, 10:4, Colossians 2:13-14)*

5 **Read Acts 20:32.** Knowing there would be attacks from wolves or false teachers one day, what did Paul commend to the church of Ephesus? How is that instructive for us today? What difference should the truth of that text make in our church?