

A CHURCH ROOTED IN THE GOSPEL DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1 TIMOTHY 1:11-20

- 1 Timothy 1:12-20 seems to be all about Paul at first glance, but in reality, it's all about God.** Where do you see that in the text? What do we learn about God in the passage?

♥ *When are you most stirred or overwhelmed by thoughts of God and his grace in your life? (Ephesians 2:4-5 Rom. 5:8, Psalm 103:8-12, Lamentations 3:22-23)*

♥ *What would it look like for this kind of attention on praise and worship of the one true God be more a part of your life?*
- Think of someone you know whose life has changed dramatically because of the gospel.** Share a short summary of their story with your group.

⚙️ *What difference does it make that a person like Paul received mercy?*

📖 *Paul reminded his readers that he was “formerly a blasphemer, persecutor, and insolent opponent.” (1 Tim. 1:13) What is the value of remembering what you were before you were saved?*

♥ *Take a moment to rehearse your story in a similar way to Paul's story. How has God displayed His perfect patience and mercy in saving you?*

🔊 *Paul's viewed his conversion as an example of God's patience for others who would later believe the gospel. What's one way you are an example so that others will believe in Christ?*

3 **Before Christ, Paul was sincere in his religion.** But later he acknowledges that he was grossly wrong. (1 Tim. 1:13-14, Philippians 3:4-6, Galatians 1:13-14 Acts 26:9-11)

🗣️ *How can you speak to those who are sincerely misguided in our culture today?*

4 **What can believers do to keep from shipwrecking their faith?**

🗨️ *Can you think of something you've changed in your journey of faith to be able to live with a "good conscience?"*

📖 *Why do you think faith and good conscience go together (1Tim. 1:19; 3:9; 4:2)?*

5 **Because Alexander and Hymenaeus did not have a moral compass, their faith ended up shipwrecked and they were put out of the church.**

💡 *What can aid us in holding on to faith and a good conscience?*