

DISCUSSION GUIDE

Prayer

- Today, center prayers on thanksgiving.

Introduction

- This week, we are considering the importance of sound doctrine (healthy teaching). As we explore this passage, we will consider traps to avoid when reading and speaking about the Bible.
- Jesus was full of grace and truth. *What is the danger of being full of one of these to the neglect of the other?*

Read 1 Timothy 1:3-7

- Imagine that a leader in the church asked you to protect healthy doctrine in your life group. *How would you accomplish that goal?*
- *Why are people tempted to devote themselves to things like myths and genealogies?*
- *What are examples of myths that are popular today? How can we avoid the trap of pointless speculation?*
- *Are the teaching and music that you are listening to producing the results of verse 5? Why or why not?*
- *How can we know that our weekly discussions are productive or in vain?*

Read 1 Timothy 1:8-11

- *What does this section teach us about the purpose of God's law?*
- *What from this list do you think is especially problematic in Hampton Roads?*
- *How can Christians speak honestly about sins like these while still maintaining relationships with non-Christians?*
- *What is your understanding of what the Bible teaches about homosexuality? How do people twist the truth about this topic?*
- This passage ends with a reference to the gospel. Ask two volunteers to practice sharing the gospel with the group.

“One-Anothering”

- Each discussion guide this year will feature one of the scriptures' “one another” statements. These instructions guide us on how to love one another.
- *Wait for one another. (1 Corinthians 11:33, ESV)*