

DISCUSSION GUIDE

Prayer

- Church-wide, we are praying for God to call some members from River Oak to be a part of a potential church plant.

Introduction

- This week's passage is given as a protection. We need to rely on the Holy Spirit to avoid deceitful spirits and teachers who might lead us away from the faith.
- This year, we have covered several passages that mention the topic of false teachers. *What have you learned about false teachers this year?*

Read 1 Timothy 4:1-5

- *Which phrase would you highlight from this section?*
- *In our times, does it seem like people are departing or returning to the faith?*
- *What would be examples of the "teachings of demons"?*
- *What are common deceptive teachings that people become devoted to in our day?*
- *How can we help one another maintain a healthy conscience?*
- *What are the things that people unnecessarily forbid and abstain from in the name of religion?*
- *On a scale of 1-10, how well are you enjoying the little gifts like food and marriage?*
- *How can we begin to view ordinary blessings as holy?*
- Take time to pray a prayer of protection over the group. Ask God to guard our hearts from deceitful spirits.

"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.
- *Bear with one another. (Colossians 3:13)*