

Small Group Discussion Questions
Sermon Date: March 3, 2024

Sermon: The Excellent Servant, Part 2
Passage: 1 Timothy 4:7b-9

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Sermon Outline:

- 3 Encouragements to Proper Discipline
1. The Purpose of Discipline, v. 7b
 2. The Profit of Discipline, v. 8
 3. The Principle of Discipline, v. 9

Review Questions:

1. What are some of the similarities between physical discipline and spiritual discipline?
2. What are some of the differences?
3. Read Philippians 2:12-13. What does this tell us about the discipline for the purpose of godliness?
4. What is the comparison Paul is making in verse 8 between bodily discipline's impact on this life and godliness' impact on this life and the life to come?

Discussion Questions:

1. What (if any) forms of bodily discipline have hindered your pursuit of discipline for godliness?
2. Is your tendency to prioritize discipline towards the things of this life rather than toward godliness? Explain.
3. What aspects of godliness do you need to discipline yourself to pursue more?
4. How can you develop an eternal perspective so that your life reflects the reality that bodily discipline is of little profit whereas godliness has much promise for this life and the next?
5. What further convictions or questions do you have from this passage and/or sermon?