

BIBLE DISCUSSION GROUP STUDY QUESTIONS

In preparation for Sunday, July 14, 2024

Passage: 1 Timothy 1:12-17

Memory Passage: 1 Timothy 1:15

DAY 1 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

(a) **Read 1 Tim. 1:1-20.** Examine the whole of chapter 1, and consider the placement of verses 12-17. Write down three good questions regarding the content and placement of these verses.

(b) How many units of thought do you see in verses 12-17? Are there transitions or repeated words, phrases, ideas, etc.?

DAY 2 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

(a) **Read 1 Tim. 1:12-17 & Acts 8:3; 9:1-22.** In the account of Paul's conversion, notice that Paul immediately obeyed the Lord upon the revelation of Christ. How is this different compared to the false teachers that Paul has described in 1 Timothy chapter one?

(b) Considering the previous question, what does it mean that Paul acted ignorantly in unbelief?

DAY 3 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

(a) **Read 1 Tim. 1:12-17 & Acts 26:9-20.** Reflect on Paul's personal testimony in Acts chapter 26. Write down observations and questions you have about Paul's sinfulness, God's mercy, and Paul's statement in 1 Tim. 1:15.

(b) Why does Paul say this is a "trustworthy saying and deserving full acceptance?"

(c) **Read 1 Tim. 1:15 & 1 Corinthians 15:9.** Why does Paul claim to be the foremost, or chiefest, of sinners? Is this hyperbole, or does Paul have a right view of his sin in light of God's holiness?

DAY 4 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

(a) **Read Eph. 2:1-10 & 1 Tim. 1:16.** Write down different ways that God's patience, mercy, and grace have been demonstrated in your life this last week.

(b) How does Paul's depravity and Christ's mercy help us view our own sin? Is it possible for anyone to be too big of a sinner that God cannot save them?

(c) Why should the grace and mercy of God towards Paul help us be assured of our own salvation?

DAY 5 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

(a) **Read 1 Tim. 1:17 & Eph. 3:8.** Verse 17 is Paul's gratitude expressed in verbal praise. How should we respond to the "unfathomable riches of Christ" that Paul proclaims?

(b) **Read Acts 26:16 & Eph. 2:10.** Paul was saved for a purpose: to be "a servant and a witness." We, also, are saved, not *by* good works, but *for* good works. Write down three ways that 1 Timothy 1:12-17 encourages us to serve the Lord.

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A Great Savior For A Great Sinner