

Running the Race
“The Gospel is worth fighting for!”
1 Timothy 1:1-20 (Titus 1:10-16; 1 Tim 3:14-4:6)

Intro: Worth the fight (1 Timothy 1:1-2)

Opposing a false Gospel of lies (1 Timothy 1:3-11)

The problems:

- 1 Tim 1:4 – “myths and endless genealogies” (Titus 1:14 – “Jewish myths)
- 1 Tim 4:3 – “They forbid people to marry and order them to abstain from certain foods”
- 2 Tim 2:18 – “They say that the resurrection has already taken place, and they destroy the faith of some.”

“They want to be teachers of the law, but they do not know what they are talking about or what they so confidently affirm” (1 Tim 1:7)

“They must be silenced, because they are disrupting whole households by teaching things they ought not to teach – and that for the sake of dishonest gain.” (Titus 1:11)

Proclaiming the true Gospel of grace (1:12-17)

A trustworthy saying: “Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners” (v.15)

“Christ Jesus might display his immense patience as an example for those who would believe in him and receive eternal life.” (v.16)

Battle well for Gospel of Jesus (1:18-20)

“Fight the battle well, holding on to faith and a good conscience” (v.18-19)

The church is “God’s household... the pillar and foundation of the truth” (3:15)

“Some have rejected and so have suffered shipwreck with regard to the faith” (v.19)

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Digging Deeper notes for personal reflection and group discussion

Worth the fight (1 Timothy 1:1-2)

- Why is the investment & discipling of younger Christians in the way that Paul worked with Timothy & Titus crucial to the health and future of the church?
- Who are you/could you be investing in for the Gospel?
(Think about: your family, your small group, a church ministry area, a younger Christian, Church on Sundays...)
- What equipping might you need, and who will you ask for help?

Opposing a false Gospel of lies (1 Timothy 1:3-11)

- What false teaching have you come across in ‘Christian’ circles that has distorted the true Gospel of Jesus? What has been the danger of this?
- Do you pray for those who are preparing to teach the Bible to others at PBC – Sunday sermons, Youth and Children’s groups, small group leaders, etc? How might you build this into your regular times of prayer?
- As you listen to the Bible being taught, do you spend time reading back over the passage and notes, and prayerfully seeking God to check if the true Gospel is being taught? What would you do if you were concerned about the content of something being taught?

Proclaiming the true Gospel of grace (1:12-17)

- Why is verse 15 such a beautiful & important description of Jesus’ purpose in coming to earth?
- How might God use your life so that “Christ Jesus might display his immense patience as an example for those who would believe in him and receive eternal life” (v.16)?

Battle well for Gospel of Jesus (1:18-20)

- How might we ‘play it safe’ in the Christian life? How can we avoid this?
- How might you “fight the battle well, holding on to faith and a good conscience” (1 Timothy 1:18-19)?
- What part can you play in helping our church to battle well?