



# LESSONS FROM 1&2 TIMOTHY

05.07 – YOUR DOCTRINE MATTERS

## INTRODUCTION

Welcome to *Lessons from 1 & 2 Timothy*! No matter if you're just starting out as a disciple of Jesus or have been at this a while, you can invest in others and watch God work exponential change around you. Together we'll learn from the letters of one believer to another about how to live with impact. Pastor John kicked off our series by teaching how our doctrine – what we believe – matters because what we believe drives our behavior.

## DISCUSSION

1. From theological doctrine, to raising kids, or even how best to repair a leaky faucet, we all carry certain belief systems. Have you ever believed something to be true, only to discover your belief was wrong? What was it, and how did your “false teaching” and learning the truth impact you?
2. **Revisit and read 1 Timothy 1:3-6.** What were some of the issues false teachers were caught up in discussing? Why do you believe Paul wanted Timothy to focus on commanding people not to teach false doctrine?
3. Pastor John walked us through three “PLC Doctrines” (biblical truths we believe) that drive our behavior as believers and as a church. Take time in your group to ask one another if you understand, agree, and believe each of these. If you find you have doubts or questions, it's ok. This is a safe spot to process and explore together.
  - **Salvation through Jesus alone. By grace, through faith** (Ephesians 2:8-10)
  - **No Matter Church – No Matter Follower** (1 Timothy 1:15-16)
  - **The Bible is the Word of God** (2 Timothy 3:16-17).
4. **Revisit and read 1 Timothy 6:20-21.** Paul ends his first letter to Timothy telling him to turn away from the practices of these false teachers. Are there any “false teachings” or “godless” chatter you need to guard yourself from? Share what those may be and how you can begin to take steps in a new direction with Jesus.

## APPLICATION

Remember, your belief drives your behavior. It matters that you regularly place yourself in environments and relationships designed to help you clarify and refine what's true from a biblical perspective. Just as we may seek out wise experts in financial or family matters, we want to do the same in our spiritual beliefs as they ultimately guide everything else.

1. **Keep attending regularly.** Choosing to show up at church each weekend places you in a position to learn from teachers and experiences designed to help you better understand God's character, desires, and biblical truths.
2. **Keep connecting relationally.** If you're reading this in a small group, great job! If you're not, joining a group one of the best steps you can take. Placing yourself in a community of people focused on learning to love and obey Jesus will help encourage, support, and clarify your walk with God in a practical way.
3. **Return to the three scripture passages supporting the “PLC Doctrines” Pastor John shared.** Take time to rest in these truths and create quiet space for God to remind, instill, and speak these into your life personally. If you find yourself wrestling or questioning or confused about these, invite God into the process and don't be afraid to reach out to your campus staff. They would love to connect with you!