

# Right Doctrine in the Church

Proclamation Life Groups; Week of Sunday, February 14, 2021; Steve Thiel

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**Sermon Theme: The church is called to be a pillar for the truth. Therefore, false teachers must be refuted and gospel-centered teachers must train themselves and their people in good doctrine and in godly living to ensure their salvation.**

## **I. Refuting False Teachers – Read 1 Timothy 4:1-5**

- A. According to verses 1-2, where does false teaching come from? How is all false teaching ultimately related to the lies of the devil (deceitful spirits and the teachings of demons)?
- B. How do Jesus' words in Matthew 7:15-20 help you better understand the nature of false teachers? What connection does Jesus highlight between false teaching and false living?
- C. List false doctrines that are prevalent today in our culture and in some churches? In what ways do they deny the goodness of God or distort the Word of God?
- D. What do you think are the best ways to prepare yourself for identifying false teaching?

## **II. Affirm Gospel Teachers – Read 1 Timothy 4:6-16**

- A. What are all the different ways that Paul commands Timothy to train himself in verses 6-10?
- B. Practically speaking, what different things can you do to train yourself in good doctrine? If you put together a weekly plan, what would be the top three things that you would do?
- C. According to Paul in verse 8, why should you value spiritual training over physical training?
- D. If you put together a weekly plan, what would be the top three things that you would do to train yourself in godliness? What part of that plan is individual and what part includes others?

## **III. Train for Eternal Life – Application**

- A. What areas of life are covered in verse 12? In what area, do you need to grow the most?
- B. Read Psalm 119:9-11 and Romans 12:2. How do these passages help you understand the connection between good doctrine and godly living? What language does Paul use to communicate the importance of good doctrine and godliness?
- C. Why is it so hard to keep eternity in mind in your day-to-day life? When you're able to do so, how does it affect the urgency of pursuing godliness and telling others about Jesus Christ?