

1 Timothy
The Gospel, Godliness, and The Church
Creation Order and the Last Days
1 Timothy 4:1-10

- Read 1 Timothy 3:16, then read 4:1-10 a few verses at a time and share observations as you go.
 - What does 1 Timothy 3:16 teach us about Jesus?
 - Why is it important to have this in our hearts and minds as we look at 4:1-10?
 - Do you have any questions about the sermon?
- It seems strange that bravery is required to proclaim and live according to God's created order. Do you agree that this is so? Why is bravery necessary?
- What are some ways that our culture seeks to subvert God's design for creation?
- It has been my experience that conversations about created order provide the best opportunities for sharing the gospel. Why do you think this is? How would you initiate such conversations?
- Paul's posture was different for those who participated in the church/body of Christ and those who were of the world. Why? How does this inform our posture both within and outside the church?
- If Jesus is the only Savior of sinners and some do not know and/or believe, how should we then live? Discuss recent interactions you have had with non-believers, then pray for one another, and pray for the lost!
- Pray for the two following teams that are currently active at GCC:

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- If you have time, discuss the application points from the sermon.
 - Stand confidently in, and rest fully on, God’s design for human flourishing
 - Commit yourself to spiritual disciplines
 - Set your hope on the living God as if it is the most important commitment in your life – because it is

Study Notes

Thoughts and Quotes from the Sermon

Mystery in the NT: A truth, previously hidden, that has been revealed to us through Jesus.

Scripture Associated with the Message

2 Timothy 3:1 But understand this, that in the last days there will come times of difficulty.

1 Timothy 3:16 Great indeed, we confess, is the mystery of godliness:

He (Jesus) was manifested in the flesh,

vindicated by the Spirit,
seen by angels,
proclaimed among the nations,
believed on in the world,
taken up in glory.

Matthew 24:10 Then they will deliver you up to tribulation and put you to death, and you will be hated by all nations for my name's sake. 10 And then many will fall away and betray one another and hate one another. 11 And many false prophets will arise and lead many astray. 12 And because lawlessness will be increased, the love of many will grow cold. 13 But the one who endures to the end will be saved. 14 And this gospel of the kingdom will be proclaimed throughout the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come.

1 John 2:18 Children, it is the last hour, and as you have heard that antichrist is coming, so now many antichrists have come. Therefore we know that it is the last hour.

Titus 1:4 (From Paul) To Titus, my true child in a common faith: Grace and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Savior.

Ephesians 2:1 And you were dead in the trespasses and sins 2 in which you once walked, following **the course of this world**, following **the prince of the power of the air**, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience— 3 among whom we all once lived in **the passions of our flesh**, carrying out the desires of the flesh and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind.

Hebrews 13:4 Let marriage be held in honor among all, and let the marriage bed be undefiled, for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterous.

Genesis 1:26 Then God said, “Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.”

27 So God created man in his own image,
in the image of God he created him;
male and female he created them.

28 And God blessed them. And God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth.” 29 And God said, “Behold, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is on the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit. You shall have them for food. 30 And to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the heavens and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.” And it was so. 31 And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

Genesis 9:1 And God blessed Noah and his sons and said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth. 2 The fear of you and the dread of you shall be upon every beast of the earth and upon every bird of the heavens, upon everything that creeps on the ground and all the fish of the sea. Into your hand they are delivered. **3 Every moving thing that lives shall be food for you. And as I gave you the green plants, I give you everything.**

Mark 2:27 And he said to them, “The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath. 28 So the Son of Man is lord even of the Sabbath.”

1 Timothy 4:7 (NASB) But have nothing to do with worldly fables fit only for old women. On the other hand, discipline yourself for the purpose of godliness.

Hebrews 10:24 And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, 25 not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.