

“The Pastoral Calling to Faithful Consistency”

1 Timothy 4:11-16

11 Command and teach these things. 12 Let no one despise you for your youth, but set the believers an example in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, in purity. 13 Until I come, devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to exhortation, to teaching. 14 Do not neglect the gift you have, which was given you by prophecy when the council of elders laid their hands on you. 15 Practice these things, immerse yourself in them, so that all may see your progress. 16 Keep a close watch on yourself and on the teaching. Persist in this, for by so doing you will save both yourself and your hearers.

2. through his devotion to the Scriptures. (1 Tim. 4:13)

3. through his gifts and calling. (1 Tim. 4:14)

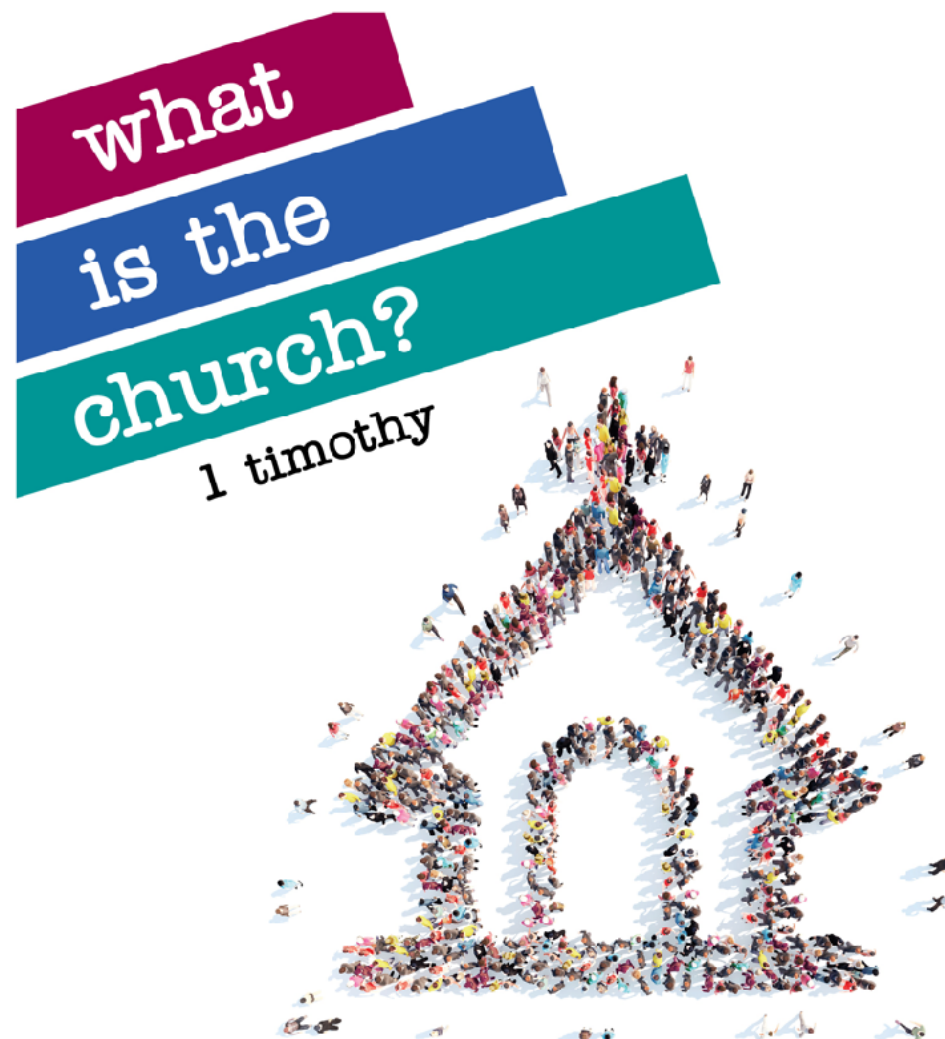
The Pastor's Calling: to point people to Jesus

1. through his example. (1 Tim. 4:12)

4. through his own progress. (1 Tim. 4:15)

Life Group or Family Discussion Questions:

1. Who was your favorite pastor growing up? What about his preaching, teaching, or leadership did you most enjoy?
2. **Read Hebrews 12:1-2.** What are some ways that non-sinful things can distract us from full devotion to Jesus?
3. Why is it especially important for a good pastor to work hard so he grows in godliness? What does the hard work to grow in godliness look like?
4. **Read 1 Timothy 4:12.** Why are these character qualities essential for a good pastor? What happens when a pastor doesn't pursue these character qualities?
5. Why is expository preaching (teaching and applying from the word of God) so important to the role of the pastor? What is the danger of a steady diet of preaching that only uses the Bible as decoration rather than the main course?
6. **Read Mark 8:34-36.** How do we balance Paul's words here about enjoying God's creation with Jesus's words in Mark?
7. What does progress look like in the pastor's life? In the Christian's life?
8. **Read Acts 2:42; James 1:22-25.** Paul commanded Timothy to devote himself to the public reading and teaching of the Bible. What does God expect of those who are taught the Word?



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May 7, 2017

Sundays

9:30 a.m.
10:30 a.m.

CW Classes Hour
Worship Service

