

Sermon Discussion Guide 12/9-12/16 VGroup Meetings

Sermon Title: He Came Bearing Gifts - 1 Timothy 1:12-17

Distribute name tags as people enter. Take attendance / collect new guest information including address, phone & email, etc. Allow folks to mingle, fellowship, and settle in with each other.

Open the session with prayer.

Discussion Starter/Ice Breaker: (15-20 mins)

For Fun: The Christmas season is in full bloom, if you will. Stores & many radio stations are playing the “sounds of the season” over the airwaves. What is the ONE song that you must always hear during Christmas - the one where you say “NOW it’s Christmas time”?

Discussion Questions: (30-45 mins)

1. Read the focus passage together - 1 Timothy 1:12-17. What are the 3 main points outlined for this passage from the sermon?
2. In the verses, Paul identifies his “flaws” or sins that would have hindered him from being used by God.
 - a. What are they?
 - b. In vs 15 & 16 how does Paul identify himself?
 - c. In vs 16, why is Paul shown mercy?
3. Explore & study the following verses together. Identify & discuss the gifts from God that are showcased in each passage.
 - a. Exodus 15:2
 - b. Psalm 40:11-12; 103:1-14
 - c. Isaiah 40:31; 41:10
 - d. Romans 3:23-26
 - e. 1 Corinthians 15:9-11
 - f. Ephesians 2:1-9; 3:14-19; 6:10-11
 - g. Colossians 1:13-14
 - h. 2 Timothy 4:16-18
 - i. Titus 2:11-14
 - j. 1 Peter 1:3-9
 - k. 2 Peter 3:9
 - l. 1 John 1:9
4. Thinking about the 3 gifts from God, answer & discuss the following questions.
 - a. Which one are you most thankful for & why?
 - b. How do these gifts show up in & impact our daily lives?
 - c. Which one would you say you most often “regifted” to those around you? Recent example?
 - d. Has someone “regifted” any of these to you lately? What happened?
5. Paul speaks of his former life & how God changed him. This is a small glimpse of Paul’s testimony. This week, spend some time thinking about your testimony. Write out your testimony & see if you can identify these 3 gifts discussed during the study time. Have you shared how God has changed or worked in your life with anyone lately?

Closing: Open the floor for discussion / questions.

Prayer Requests:

Close in prayer.

