

# 1 TIMOTHY

The Household of God

Week 6

## HOW TO USE THIS GUIDE

There are four crucial components for a group to maintain its health: Word, prayer, relationships, and reaching out. In this guide, you will study the biblical passage in three steps: observation, interpretation, and application. As the group leader, you are free to use any part of this guide that can assist you in achieving this goal.

## CONNECT

- What's something interesting about yourself or your life that people might not know?
- What's something you find easy to spend a lot of money on? What's something you find hard to spend money on?
- When you hear the phrase "eternal life," what's the first image or idea that comes to mind?

## INTRODUCTION

In the final chapter of 1 Timothy, Paul pulls together many of the themes from the rest of the letter, telling Timothy again to flee from the wrong thing and pursue the right thing. By doing so, Timothy will "take hold of the eternal life to which [he] was called"—a phrase used twice in the chapter. Eternal life is a gift from God, as John 3:16 famously tells us. It seems to be the case, however, that eternal isn't something just to have but to take hold of. Like Timothy, we must take hold of the eternal life God has given us in Jesus.

## OBSERVATIONS & INTERPRETATION

**Read:** 1 Timothy 6:3-12

- What is the core motivation of those who are "depraved in mind and deprived of the truth" (v. 5)—in other words, those in Ephesus who are teaching and listening to unhealthy doctrine?
- In what ways have you seen the love of money plunge people into ruin and destruction?

**Read:** 1 Timothy 6:13-21

- What stands out to you from this passage and why?
- Timothy is to keep Paul's charge by keeping the future appearing of Jesus in mind. How does thinking about Christ's return help disciples pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, steadfastness, and gentleness?
- What is a godly use of wealth?

## APPLICATION

- Paul says that pursuing gain comes with discontentment and pursuing godliness brings contentment. How are your levels of contentment right now? What does that tell you?
- In John 17:3, Jesus says, "And this is eternal life, that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent." Eternal life isn't just life in perpetuity, but life with Jesus now. How does this impact your understanding of what taking hold of eternal life looks like?
- How can the future appearing of Jesus impact your pursuit of him right now?

## PRAYER

- As John prays at the end of revelation, pray, "Come, Lord Jesus!"
- Pray that we would flee the love of money and for a hope set fully on the appearing of Jesus.