

Home Group Discussion Guide

Avoid Spiritual Shipwreck – 1 Timothy 2:1-15

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The following questions are designed to help groups explore the message above by challenging participants to consider how God is wanting them to apply it to their lives.

*The questions are a **guide** to help lead discussion.*

Please don't feel that all questions need to be asked, instead respond to the needs of your group. If you have new people in your group, take the opportunity to introduce each other and clarify any expectations that are present in your group (such as confidentiality).

GETTING STARTED

1. When approaching a new project or challenge, do you naturally focus on the WHY, HOW or WHAT? Why?
2. What are some things we do in everyday life simply because we've always done them?
 - a. Have you ever stopped to question why?

REFLECTING ON THE MESSAGE

Consider 1 Timothy 1:18-19

1. Paul warns Timothy about those who have suffered spiritual shipwreck. What do you think Paul means by this?
 - a. How does this warning help us understand the instructions that follow in chapter 2?

Consider 1 Timothy 2:1-10

2. In verses 3-6, Paul highlights God's desire for all people to be saved and know the truth. Gavin described this as the WHY. How should this shape our lives and church?
 - a. What can happen when our HOW and WHAT become more important than our WHY?
3. In verses 1-2, Paul encourages us to pray for everyone, including those in authority. Why might Paul have specifically mentioned those in authority?
 - a. How might this instruction challenge the way we engage with people we disagree with?

Consider 1 Timothy 2:11-15

4. We know that these verses can be challenging, but it is a reminder to ensure we interpret Scripture carefully, consistently and in context. Why does this matter?
 - a. How should we approach passages where faithful Christians reach different conclusions?

RESPONDING TO THE MESSAGE

1. Where might we, individually or as a church, have become more focused on the HOW and WHAT than the WHY?
 - a. How can we recognise when this is happening?
2. Consider your workplace, family, community and church. How can you keep God's desire for people to know Jesus at the centre of these spaces?
 - a. Is there something you might need to approach differently?

OPPORTUNITY FOR PRAYER

Our Home Groups are the primary place for pastoral care to occur within the Church. We would encourage you to take the opportunity to pray for each other in this space.

