

Bethany Church
Small Group Notes in 1 Timothy
Discovering Life in the Kingdom
October 11-17, 2015

As a group read 1 Timothy 3:14-4:5. Don't feel pressure to answer all the questions. Walk through as many as possible and enjoy your time together.

Discuss – What was your takeaway from Sunday's Message?

Questions:

- What challenges face the church today that make it difficult to stand firm?
- How could we as the body of Christ respond to these challenges?
- **Verse 15** uses three metaphors to help us understand the significance of the church. Describe each one. How are they significant to your own faith?
- What do they convey about the role of the church in the world? What do they convey about your responsibility?
- How should the church go about supporting and upholding the truth? What is truth? How do you pursue the truth?
- How important is the connection between what you do and what you believe?
- **Read v 16...** write each of the six phrases on a piece of paper. Identify the verbs in each phrase. Do a study of each phrase and identify several verses that speak to that phrase. Compile them and then, in your own words, write out what is being said. How can it help you convey the gospel more effectively to someone?
- Do you know anyone who has “abandoned the faith”?
 - Did you see it happening?
 - What have you done or could you do that may help them stay committed to Christ?

Bonus Scary Question:

- Do you struggle more with legalism or license when it comes to your faith?

Pray as a group