



## INTRODUCTION

Paul explains that the local church must be built on the truth and proclaim the truth. What is this truth? It is the work of Jesus: both in his earthly ministry and his continuing ministry through the local church.

## INSTRUCTIONS

This guide is meant to facilitate discussion which will lead to a response to God's word. Therefore, please use it as tool that best fits the needs of your community group.

## OPENING DISCUSSION

- Read **1 Timothy 3:14-16**
- What do you find interesting/compelling/confusing about this passage?

## REVIEW

- Why did Paul write this letter? What does that tell us about the local church?
- What three ways does Paul describe the local church in v15? Which impacts you the most?
- Summarize the truth the church must defend and proclaim from v16?
- What do you think he means by "vindicated by the spirit," "seen by angels," and "taken up in glory?"

## APPLICATION

- If the church is God's household/family, how then should that guide you in your relationship with the local church?
- If the church is built on the foundation of the truth and should proclaim the truth, how should that guide what we do as a church? What should we not do?
- What role should confessions of faith play in our Christian life?
- When is the last time you proclaimed Christ? To whom do you long to proclaim Christ? Pray for these people?

## PRAYER (divide the group based on gender if desired)

- What action/repentance does God want you to take according to the truths of this text?
- Are there any other prayer needs