



WEEK 2: CELEBRATING THE GOSPEL. 1 TIMOTHY 1:12-20

Paul writes what he does in 1 Timothy because he understands what the Bible says about sin and grace. Only the Gospel deals with us—as we are—and leads us to grace at the same time. Because of Jesus, we can acknowledge our sin and yet not be destroyed by it. Paul tells Timothy to continue to contend and celebrate the Gospel.

“When we cheap out on our own depravity, we will always cheap out on God’s grace.” We see that when Paul thinks of his previous life of sin, he is immediately filled with joy because he celebrates the Gospel and the resulting transformation. Paul’s understanding of his life turns everything into an opportunity to invite someone to know and trust Jesus. He celebrates God’s great grace in the Gospel. Do you?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- How do you typically respond to past or present failures?
- How does the Gospel speak to our past, present, and future failures?
- In places where sin has abounded, how have you seen grace abound all the more?
- What’s your story? Take some time to briefly share an overview of who you were before Jesus, who you are now, what Jesus did for you, and what God is currently doing in your life.
- How does your story point to the grace of God and to your life on mission with Jesus?
- How can you intentionally celebrate the Gospel this week?

Pray: *Thank God for the Gospel, and ask Him to reveal how the Gospel speaks into your past, present, and future failures.*

NOTES

TODAY’S VERSES:

1 Timothy 1:12-20

Romans 1

Matthew 12:31-32

Romans 5:20

Acts 26:19

Romans 1:8

2 Timothy 2:17-18

2 Corinthians 5:21

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