**Watch Out For Greedy False Teachers**

1 Timothy 6:3–5 || April 14th–20th

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

* Men's Conference: April 19 & 20.
* The Gathering (Women): April 21. 3:30–5:30pm
* Youth Mariners Outing: April 26. 5pm–9:30pm
* Spring Youth (MS/HS) Retreat: May 31–June 2, Lakeside Bible Camp.
* **SAVE THE DATE:** August 23–24: Parenting conference w/Brent and Janet Aucoin.

**INTRODUCTORY QUESTION:** Have you ever thought you were right about something and became “puffed up and conceited about it”? What happened?

## QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION:

1. In verse 3, Paul addresses the problem of false doctrine/teachers with Timothy which he has already done in 1:3–11 and 4:1–5. Read our passage and compare it to the previous ones. What is similar or different?
2. Why do you think this topic is discussed so much in this letter and what can we learn from that? How can we identify false teaching/teachers? Is it important for us to call out false teachers by name?
3. Paul says that the teaching of men must be words that are “sound.” How can we tell if teaching is “sound” or not?
4. In verses 4–5, Paul describes what false teachers are and what their teaching produces. What stood out to you in this section?
5. We all can struggle with these same attributes/attitudes in v4–5. Do you currently struggle with any of these?
6. Verse 5 explains, “…men of depraved mind and deprived of the truth” (NASB). Read Eph 4:17–24. What are some ways that you can show compassion for the lost knowing that we, too, were “depraved of mind and the truth?”
7. Read 1 Tim 4:2 and 2 Peter 2:15. How can godliness become a means to material gain? Do we see evidence of this in the world today?
8. What should be a Christian attitude toward material possessions and how they relate to or contrast with godliness?

**Men and Women Group Time:**

**PRAYER:** Pray that we would have the right perspective when it comes to godliness and material gain. Pray that we would identify false teaching.

**PERSONAL PRACTICAL APPLICATION:** What are some ways this week that you can “teach and urge” the things we’ve discussed (i.e. identify false teaching/teachers, not practice sinful attitudes, practice true godliness, etc.)?