



Small Group Questions

Message: May 5th, 2025

Speaker: Pastor Bob

Series: *A Divine Blueprint*

Topic: "The Foundation of a Healthy Church"

Text: 1 Timothy 1:12-20

1. **Ice Breaker:** In what ways have you typically gauged the health of a church? Describe a healthy church.
2. Similar to a building project, if the church is not built on the right foundation it will eventually collapse. Have you noticed churches that have begun building on a different foundation than the Gospel? What are some examples?
3. **Read 1 Timothy 1:12-16.** This first section shows that the church is built upon people understanding and have experienced the reception of God's mercy. What is the difference between people who know God's mercy and who do not? How has this truth impacted your life?
4. Baptisms are stories of God's mercy. What have you appreciated about the recent wave of baptisms at MBC? Were there any stories that stuck out to you?
5. **Read 1 Timothy 1:17.** After recounting his conversion experience, Paul explodes in doxological praise in v. 17. What are the important elements of this praise? What truths does he focus on?
6. What does it look like to worship God with your whole life? How does this compare with your actual life?
7. **Read 1 Timothy 1:18-20.** This is a harder segment focusing on Timothy's call to ministry and church discipline. What does it mean to "wage the good warfare?" How does faith and conscience play a role when following Jesus in your everyday life?
8. In vv. 19-20 we get an example of church discipline. Often viewed negatively, the purpose of discipline is to guard the church and restore people through the mercy of God. What is the positive side of church discipline? Have you ever experienced this?
9. As you close your time—Take time to thank God for his mercy in your own life.