

Small Group Questions
1 Timothy 3:8-16 Taking Hold of Your Kingdom Life
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INTRODUCTION:

If appropriate spend some time reflecting and talking about your fathers!

Read and discuss 1 Timothy 3:8-16.

The Message, 8-13 The same goes for those who want to be servants in the church: A servant must be... serious, not deceitful, not too free with the bottle, not in it for what they can get out of it. They must be reverent before the mystery of the faith, not using their position to try to run things. Let them prove themselves first. If they show they can do it, take them on. No exceptions are to be made for women—same qualifications: serious, dependable, not sharp-tongued, not overfond of wine. Servants in the church are to be committed to their spouses, attentive to their own children, and diligent in looking after their own affairs. Those who do this servant work will come to be highly respected, a real credit to this Jesus-faith.

14-16 I hope to visit you soon, but just in case I'm delayed, I'm writing this letter so you'll know how things ought to go in God's household, this God-alive church, bastion of truth. This Christian life is a great mystery, far exceeding our understanding, but some things are clear enough:

*He appeared in a human body,
was proved right by the invisible Spirit,
was seen by angels.*

*He was proclaimed among all kinds of peoples,
believed in all over the world,
taken up into heavenly glory.*

1. Why did Paul write these verses?
2. Do you agree or disagree with the notion that every Christ follower is a Leader? Discuss.
3. Discuss the "KINGDOM LIFE" characteristics that are present in this passage.

Due to the sensitive nature of the interview that we had on Sunday we are not able to put it online.

Re-tell what you can recall for those who were unable to be there.

4. What impacted you the most out of the interview?

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5. Discuss this verse out of the Message Version.
6. How was this lived out by the interviewee?
7. How do you see this being lived out in your world?
8. Encourage members of your small group by telling them how you see this being lived out in their lives.

Conclude:

Pray as you feel led around some of the themes that were discussed.