

Home Groups - Discussion Questions

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1. Look up each of the 5 faithful/trustworthy sayings (1 Tim 1:15, 1 Tim 3:1, 1 Tim 4:7-9, 2 Tim 2:11 and Titus 3:8). When you consider to whom these letters were written, what should we understand by this phrase?
2. How is it refreshing to come aside from the world and open the Scriptures to consider something that is "trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance"?
3. Try not to skim over the words "Christ Jesus came into the world". This is the great central theme of the whole Scriptures. Consider and discuss:
 - a. Where did Christ come from?
 - b. What kind of place did Christ come to?
 - c. When Christ came from heaven to earth, did He become any less God than before?
4. What does Paul say was the purpose of Christ coming into the world? Refer also to Matthew 1:21. In as simple language as you can, how would you explain this to an unbeliever?
5. What proof does Paul offer for this? How is Paul an encouraging "example" for us?
6. In what way is Paul an example to us of Jesus displaying His perfect patience? How is that helpful when we doubt the patience and long-suffering of God toward us?
7. What is striking about Paul's precise language at the end of v15? How can this encourage believers who increasingly despair about their sense of sin?
8. Read aloud and soak in Paul's doxology in v17. How is this a fitting response not only to this trustworthy saying but this entire series in "The Life of Paul"?

Prayer Time

- Give thanks for the Christ-like example of Paul
- Give thanks for the Lord's Supper
- Give thanks for the coming of Christ into the world to save sinners
- Give thanks for a year's ministry of Nosh 'n' Natter
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