



## Gospel Life Communities Study Guide

1 Timothy 3:14-16

The Mystery of Godliness

Welcome to the Fall 2023 GLC Season! I hope the Lord is blessing, challenging, and encouraging you through this sermon series thus far.

Our weekly studies will have four parts, following the four categories that we've set for GLC's, and then end with prayer.

### exploring

we will explore God's word together, looking at the actual words of the passage each week.

### digging

we will dig deeper into the word, discussing the context and meaning of the passage.

### growing

we will discuss how the passage is applied to our own lives.

### going

we will discuss how the passage informs, challenges, and encourages our gospel witness.

### exploring

Read through the passage together and take note of any words or phrases that catch your attention.



14 I hope to come to you soon, but I am writing these things to you so that, 15 if I delay, you may know how one ought to behave in the household of God, which is the church of the living God, a pillar and buttress of the truth. 16 Great indeed, we confess, is the mystery of godliness:

He was manifested in the flesh,  
vindicated by the Spirit,  
seen by angels,  
proclaimed among the nations,  
believed on in the world,  
taken up in glory.

1 Timothy 3:14–16 ESV

### digging

1. What does it mean to be the household of God? What other passages of Scripture help us think about this?
2. What does it mean to be the pillar and buttress of truth? Discuss.
3. What is the truth which the church upholds? Discuss.

### growing

4. Why might Christians in our day and age struggle to uphold the truths of Scripture? Discuss.
5. How can we encourage one another to hold fast to our confession and stand firm in the truth?

### going

6. How does the gospel of Jesus Christ undergird faithful living?
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### *Pray "Kingdom Prayers"*

Kingdom prayers are prayers that don't only focus on the immediate need, but also on God's glory. For example, if someone has a sore knee instead of just praying "God, please heal Betty's knee", you would pray something like "God, please heal Betty's knee so that she can continue to serve you and your people; so that she can continue attend worship services pain free and give you glory for your healing hand." See the difference?

Some ideas of what to pray for:

- Each other's needs/requests
- King Road's ministries, missionaries, members, and pastors
- Opportunities to share the gospel

