



Gospel Life Communities Study Guide

1 Timothy 1:12-17

Jesus Saves Sinners

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

1. Have someone pray for the beginning of your study, that the Lord would open your hearts and minds to His word. Then read through the passage together.

12 I thank him who has given me strength, Christ Jesus our Lord, because he judged me faithful, appointing me to his service, 13 though formerly I was a blasphemer, persecutor, and insolent opponent. But I received mercy because I had acted



ignorantly in unbelief, 14 and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. 15 The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost. 16 But I received mercy for this reason, that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display his perfect patience as an example to those who were to believe in him for eternal life. 17 To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

(1 Timothy 1:12-17 ESV)

2. The word 'foremost' is used twice. Who or what is it referring to?
3. What other ideas or words do you see repeated? What does that tell you about the passage?

digging

4. What is the strength that Paul refers to in v.12? (see Acts 9:19-22)
5. Why does Paul write that he was 'an example' in v.16? An example for what? Discuss.

growing

6. V. 15 gives a great summary of the gospel: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. Have you ever had trouble acknowledging you are a sinner? Why or why not?
7. Think about the video that started the sermon (John, the bottle collector in New York), and think about the apostle Paul's testimony, or that of John Newton the former slave trader who left that life to become a pastor. What is so amazing about God's grace in their lives?
8. Now think about your own story. How has God shown you his grace in similar ways, and in different ways?

**Here's the link to the video that was shared at the beginning of the sermon:

<https://youtu.be/tpnyKOLYVU> **



going

9. When you hear John's (the bottle collector) testimony, and you hear the Apostle Paul's testimony, what makes their testimony so powerful? Discuss.
10. Around your group, one by one, say "Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners just like me, (fill in your name) who has been guilty of (fill in a sin you've committed).
 - *For example: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, just like me Paul Siemens, who has been guilty of lying and lust."*
11. Then take some time to pray prayers of thanksgiving, and if you have a song leader in your group, sing a song of praise together.

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

