

# What do you think?

- What kinds of things do people look for in a church?
- What kinds of things does *God* look for in a church?



*Paul's Letter to  
the Disciple*



# I Timothy





1 Tim. 1:1-2

1. From Paul
2. To Timothy
3. In Ephesus





From Paul

- Special Calling

- An *apostle*: sent one, emissary

- Originally *the twelve* (Matt. 20:17; 26:14, 20, 47; Mark 13:13-19)

- Later, *the eleven* (Matt. 28:16; Mark 16:14; Luke 24:9, 33; Acts 1:26)

- Matthias replaced Judas (Acts 1:26)





From Paul

- Special Calling

- An *apostle*: *sent one*, emissary

- Paul commissioned later (Acts 9:1-19; 22:3-21)

- By the will of God* (1 Cor. 1:1; 2 Cor. 1:1; Eph. 1:1; Col. 1:1; 2 Tim. 1:1)

- See Rom. 1:1-6; Gal. 1:1; Titus 1:1-3





From Paul

- Special Calling

- An *apostle*: sent one, emissary

- Paul commissioned later (Acts 9:1-19; 22:3-21)

- According to the command of God and of Christ Jesus (1 Tim. 1:1)

- Just like the original *eleven*





From Paul

- Special Gifting

- Apostleship* was a spiritual gift  
(1 Cor. 12:28; Eph. 4:7-11)

- By the grace given* (Rom. 1:5; 12:3, 6;  
15:15; 1 Cor. 3:10; Gal. 2:9; Eph. 3:2-13;  
4:7; *et al*)





From Paul

- Special Confirmation

- See Rev. 2:2

- The signs of a true apostle* (2 Cor. 12:12;  
cf. Rev. 2:2)

- Signs, wonders, miracles (Acts 2:42;  
5:12; 19:11-12; Heb. 2:3-4)





From Paul

- Special Function

- Eye-witnesses

- The life, teachings, and resurrection of Jesus (John 19:35; Acts 1:22; 2:32; 3:15; 4:19-20, 33; 5:32; 22:14-15; Rom. 1:1-5; 2 Pet. 1:16-18; 3:2; 1 John 1:1-3)





From Paul

- Special Function
  - Missionaries
    - They took the gospel to the unbelieving world (Acts 1:8; Rom. 15:18-20)
  - *Master Builders*
    - Laid the doctrinal foundation for the church (Acts 2:42; 1 Cor. 3:10-15; Eph. 2:20; 3:3-5; 2 Pet. 3:2; cf. Gal. 1:6-12)





# To Timothy

- His Background

- *Timotheus* = *honored by God*

- From Derbe (SE Turkey) (Acts 16:1)

- Frontier city on a major trade route

- Jewish mother (*Eunice*) and grandmother (*Lois*), Greek father (Acts 16:1; 2 Tim. 1:5)

- Well-versed in the OT (2 Tim. 3:14-15)





# To Timothy

- His Background

- Most likely converted by Paul as a teen (Acts 14:6-7; 20-21)

- *My true child/son in the faith* (1 Tim. 1:2; cf. 1 Cor. 4:14-17; Phil 2:22)

- Later commended to Paul by the brethren (Acts 16:2)





# To Timothy

- His Character / personality
  - *Kindred spirit* with Paul (Phil. 2:20)
  - Tender / compassionate (Phil. 2:20-21)
  - Apparently somewhat timid (1 Cor. 16:10-11; 1 Tim. 4:12; 2 Tim. 1:6-7)





To Timothy

- His Ministry

- Ministered to Paul (Acts 19:22)
- *Advance team* (Acts 19:21; 20:4-5)
- Messenger / Reminder / Encourager (1 Cor. 4:17; Phil. 2:19; 1 Thess. 3:1-10)
- *Cleanup crew* (Acts 17:14; cf. 1 Tim.; 2 Tim.)





To Timothy

- His Ministry

- *Bond-servant of Christ* (Phil. 1:1)
- *Fellow worker* (Rom. 16:21; 1 Thess. 3:2; cf. 2 Cor. 1:19)
- *Genuine concern* (Phil. 2:20)
- *Proven worth* (Phil. 2:22)
- *Doing the Lord's work* (1 Cor. 16:10)





# In Ephesus

- Location
  - Asia Minor (SW Turkey)
  - On the Mediterranean coast
    - Great climate
    - On the Cayster River; many roads
    - Major sea port / trade city
      - Most important in Roman Asia







Asia

Smyrna

Sardes

Philadelphia

Antioch

Iconium

Ephesus

Pisidia

Hierapolis

Lystra

Derbe

Miletus

Laodicea

Colossae

Perga

Attalia

Pamphilia

Selinus

Lycia

Rhodes

Mediterranean  
Sea

Paphos

Cyprus



# In Ephesus

- Background
  - Started by the *Amazons*?
  - Captured by Androclus (c. 1044 BC) and made a Greek city
    - *Ephesus* = *desirable*
  - Changed *owners* many times
  - Became Roman in 133 BC





# In Ephesus

- Special Features

- Temple of Artemis (Diana)

- One of the *Seven Wonders*

- Used as a bank (very secure)

- Brought great profit (see Acts 19:23-27)

- Amphitheater - 25,000 seats (see Acts 19:29)









# In Ephesus

- Spiritual climate (Acts 19)
  - Jewish synagogue
  - Worship of Artemis (Diana)
  - *Magic* (black arts, rituals, incantations)
  - Demonic activity





## Timeline (approx.)

- AD 50 - 2nd Journey (Acts 18:19-21)
  - *reasoned with the Jews* (18:19)
- AD 52 - 3<sup>rd</sup> Journey (Acts 19:1-20:1)
  - There three years (20:31)
  - *Declaring and admonishing* (20:20, 31)
- AD 55 - Paul met Ephesian elders in Miletus (Acts 20:17-38)
  - Warning about false teachers! (20:25-35)





## Timeline (approx.)

- AD 60 - Paul wrote *Ephesians*
  - Truth, false doctrine, right conduct (Eph. 4:11-24)
- AD 62 - Paul wrote *1 Timothy*
  - False teachers & doctrine (1 Tim. 1:3-4)
- AD 63 - Paul wrote *2 Timothy*
  - *Hold to sound teaching; All Scripture...; Preach the word!* (2 Tim. 3:10-4:5)





# Timeline (approx.)

- AD 95 - John *retired* in Ephesus?
  - According to Irenaeus & Eusebius
  - Wrote all five books there?
  - False apostles, right conduct (Rev. 2:1-7)
  - Died there (c. AD 98)





# In Ephesus

- Why did Paul write 1 Timothy?
  - To encourage/exhort Timothy
  - To remind the church of Timothy's apostolic backing/authority
  - To reiterate truth and sound doctrine
  - To encourage right behavior based on truth and sound doctrine





# In Ephesus

- 1 Tim. 3:14-15
  - “I write so that you will know how one ought to conduct himself in the household of God”
  - Public worship, men, women, widows, elders, deacons, slaves, *the rich*
  - Truth & doctrine -> conduct





What kinds of things does *God* look for in a church?

According to 1 Timothy:

Love

Care

Concern

Truth

Sound

Godly

Prayer

Doctrine

Conduct



# So What?

- God has expectations:
  - For the Church
  - For the members of the church
- God expects us to know and act on what is true
  - *Show yourself an example (4:12)*
  - *Reading, exhortation, teaching (4:13)*

