Small Group Discussion Questions Sermon Date: October 8, 2023

Sermon: The Soldier's Service Passage: 1 Timothy 1:18-20

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Sermon Outline:

4 Assurances of Christian Service

- 1. The High Calling, v. 18
- 2. The Holy Confidence, v. 19a
- 3. The Harrowing Contrast, v. 19b
- 4. The Horrible Consequence, v. 20

Review Questions:

- 1. What is it about the Christian life that warrants military metaphors and terminology of warfare?
- 2. Define "faith" (as used in this context) and "good conscience".
- 3. What is involved with being handed over to Satan?

Discussion Questions:

- 1. In what ways is the metaphor of war fitting to your pursuit of obedience?
- 2. When you apply the charge to "fight the good fight" to your own life, what battle do you think you are to be engaged in? What aspects of the "good fight" are you losing and/or need more effort?
- 3. Does your behavior align with what you believe? In areas that it does not, how can you re-sensitize your conscience?
- 4. What factors tempt you to willfully reject a good conscience (godly behavior)? What factors cause you to unknowingly weaken your conscience?
- 5. What can you learn from Hymenaeus and Alexander?
- 6. What further convictions or questions do this passage and sermon raise for you?