Small Group Discussion Questions Sermon Date: February 18, 2024

Sermon: The Excellent Servant, Part 1 Passage: 1 Timothy 4:6-7a

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Sermon Outline:

3 Applications of the Word of God that are Required of the Excellent Servant

- 1. Ministers the Word Faithfully, v. 6a
- 2. Ministers the Word Personally, v. 6b
- 3. Ministers the Word Exclusively, v. 7a

Review Questions:

- 1. According to the meaning of "pointing out", how are we to use the Scriptures in ministering to others?
- 2. What does the tense of "pointing out" (in the Greek) tell us?
- 3. Explain the full meaning of being "nourished" on God's Word.
- 4. Why are we to have nothing to do with worldly fables?

Discussion Questions:

- 1. Do you believe you have a responsibility to minister the Word to other Christians or do you shy away from it and leave it to pastors, elders, etc.? How have this passage and sermon encouraged you to be more proactive with Scripture?
- 2. When ministering to other believers, do you have a tendency to bring something other than the Word into the conversation? Why do you think some Christians do not rely solely on the Word?
- 3. Do you tend to fall into thinking the way we were warned against?
 - a. Just because it bothers you doesn't mean it's wrong.
 - b. Your way is not necessarily the right way.
- 4. Do you ever fall into the trap of learning Scripture or theology just to teach or correct others? Explain.
- 5. When you minister the Word, do you do so lovingly and graciously? If not, why?
- 6. Share an experience or example of someone blending "fables" into their Christian doctrine/theology.
- 7. What further convictions or questions do you have from this passage and/or sermon?