

Sermon Discussion Guide

The True Superlative One 1 Timothy 6:2b-21 Zach Lutz, April 24, 2022

Step 1: Reflect on the Text

Read the Scripture printed above. What stood out to you (interesting, challenging, confusing, etc.)?

Step 2: Reflect on the Sermon

Assessing our Self-Image

- 1) How would you characterize your self-talk concerning your money? (i.e. self-made, underdog story, never enough, spend it all, etc.)
- 2) What's a red flag behavior that alerts you that you feel you are owed the wealth you have and owed to continue in the wealth you have?
- 3) 1 Timothy 6:7 says, "for we brought nothing into the world, and we cannot take anything out of the world." What does it look like when a person acts like this is not true? What does it look like when a person acts in accordance with this truth?

APPREHENDING A NEW REALITY

- 4) What do you want the best of? Or think of what things in your life tend to cause you to have the most anxiety or apprehension? (i.e. house, vacation, investment, kids education, social media influence, food, etc.)
- 5) What is one way you can turn your attention upon Jesus as the superlative one? How would your day change?

INVESTING IN THIS NEW REALITY

- 6) Read Galatians 6:9-10. What ways have you experienced 'growing weary' of doing good? Are there areas in your life that you resent or feel forced to do good? How might this new reality influence our view of these things?
- 7) What are ways you can seek to not just 'act generously' but to actually 'BE generous' (v.18) this week? How would these two things look different from one another in your life?

Step 3: Final Reflections

- 8) Do you believe you have fallen back into the stupor of the false teachers, or 'same old drugs', of this world (be it money, success, influence, et.)? Have any of these things actually satisfied, or like Zach talked about do you see how they are slowly killing you through this false life?
- 9) What are ways you can seek to live in the truth that Jesus has rescued you from these false teachers and allowed you to live in this new reality?
- 10) How has your understanding, appreciation, and love for Jesus and the gospel grown as a result of this study?
- 11) In what areas of faith and practice are you feeling convicted by the Holy Spirit to work on as a result of this study?