

## Women's Bible Study Discussion Questions

### 1 Timothy 1

1. What do Paul's comments tell us about the situation in Ephesus? In light of the situation, what is Timothy's job assignment?

Has God ever given you a tough spiritual job for which you felt unqualified? What did he teach you about himself?

2. Finding hidden meanings in the Old Testament was a popular method in first-century religion. False teachers in Ephesus tried to mix these "secret teachings" with the gospel. What were the false teachers hoping to achieve? (vv. 4-6)

3. In verses 9-10, Paul explains that the law was written for the ungodly and for sinners including himself. Then he names specific sins and practices. When you connect verses 9-10 with verses 12-16 what do you learn about Paul's brokenness and need for the gospel? In what ways does this comfort you?

4. Webster defines the *conscience* as: the part of the mind that makes you aware of your actions as being either morally right or wrong; a feeling that something you have done is morally wrong. Notice how Paul uses the word *conscience* in verses 5 and 19. When we, like the false teachers, speculate and theorize instead of addressing our own sin, what happens to our conscience?

According to 1:19, 3:9 and 4:2 why do faith and conscience go together?

5. What do we learn from Paul about the gospel in verses 15 and 16? How does knowing this help you face your own issues of conscience?