

SERMON NOTES



This week's sermon **MEMBERS ONLY** *1 Timothy 3:14-16*

Paul Describes the Church in 3 Ways...

- 1. The Household of God: we are members of God's family.**
- 2. The Church of the Living God: we are members of God's nation.**
- 3. The Pillar and Buttress of the Truth: we are the ones people can turn to and find truth.**

14 I hope to come to you soon, but I am writing these things to you so that, 15 if I delay, you may know how one ought to behave in the household of God, which is the church of the living God, a pillar and buttress of the truth. 16 Great indeed, we confess, is the mystery of godliness: He was manifested in the flesh, vindicated by the Spirit, seen by angels, proclaimed among the nations, believed on in the world, taken up in glory.

1 Timothy 3:14-16

Digging Deeper into the Message

Read Matthew 10:34-37

1. What does Jesus mean that he didn't come to bring peace, but a sword?

2. Can you think of any examples you know of people's enemies becoming members of their own household because of their faith in Jesus?

3. Does your love for Jesus take precedence over every other human relationship?

Read Isaiah 43:5-7

4. Who is God gathering from all over the earth in this passage?

5. In what 3 ways are they(we) described in verse 7?

Read Matthew 7:21-23

6. Who will enter the kingdom of heaven, according to verse 6?

7. Why won't the people in verse 22 get to go to heaven?

8. What do you observe about the passage that you never noticed before?

Community Group

ICEBREAKER: Are you in any clubs or organizations?

QUESTIONS: (For more in depth study, work through the digging deeper portion of the MAP)

- Read the first point on the MAP.
 - How many households have you been a member of?
 - What benefits do you have as part of God's family? What rights do you have? What responsibilities do you have?
 - How is being part of God's family different than the families you have been a part of in your life?
- Read the second point on the MAP.
 - What does it mean that we are a part of God's nation?
 - How is being a part of God's nation different than being a part of the American nation?
 - How do members of God's nation behave (ie. What do they look like?)
- Read the third point on the MAP.
 - Why does it matter that we believe what the Bible says?
 - Why do so many people in the world hate the Church?
- Read 1 Timothy 3:14-16 (on the front of the MAP).
 - Did you underline or highlight anything during the sermon?
 - What is the mystery of godliness?
- Was there anything else in the sermon that you noted that we haven't talked about?
- How did the sermon challenge your thinking on what it means to be part of God's family or nation?
- What practical steps can you take to bring the truth to people around you?

APPLICATION: **What about you? Will you stand in the last day, or will you be taken away into judgment? If you're not sure you know the answer, talk to someone about it right now!**