

# COMMENTS & PRAYER REQUESTS

Please indicate the degree of confidentiality you desire:

- ☐ For the Pastor only
- ☐ For the Prayer Team members
- ☐ May be shared with the congregation
- ☐ Please have someone contact me

## CONNECT

- ☐ I’m interested in joining a Life Group
- ☐ I’m interested in membership
- ☐ I’m interested in baptism / profession of faith
- ☐ I need to update my contact info (use reverse side)
- ☐ Sign me up for RRC email
- ☐ Other:

**This week’s poll (just for fun)**  
☐ Road Trip   ☐ Camping   ☐ Resort   ☐ Other  
Last week’s winner: up until midnight

NOTES FOR THE FRONT OFFICE  
(doodles accepted)

# SERMON STUDY GUIDE

Questions for family/small group discussions

## 1 Timothy 3 – Gospel and Godliness

We recalled the first question and answer of the Westminster Shorter Catechism and John Piper’s “edit” so that it reads that our chief purpose is to “glorify God BY enjoying him forever.” And we saw that Jonathan Edwards, in his 70 resolutions, was committed to act with deep dependence on God’s strength and grace. How much does God’s glory and your dependence permeate your thoughts and actions through each day and what are your greatest challenges/barriers toward this?

What might be some things that you do that, if it were the last hour of your life, you would not do?

### 1. Your whole life is a mission to \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ the gospel.

- a. What are some reasons that it is so vital for you to hold up and preserve the integrity of the gospel? What is an example of a time when you have done this well and not done this well?
- b. You can see God’s desires and heart in 1 Timothy 2:3-4. How does this instruct us for what should be our heart, passion, and mission? What are some ways that outsiders often see Christians in a negative way and what are some ways that we can live and love so that outsiders see something strikingly beautiful and attractive? What step can you take with a neighbor or co-worker this week to display the beauty of the gospel?

### 2. We \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ in the gospel so that we can represent and \_\_\_\_\_ the gospel.

- a. When you read 2 Corinthians 5:15 and consider how living for self is the default mode of our heart and life, what are some ways that this shows up in your mind and actions? What are some things that often occupy or consume your heart, mind, and life more than Christ and his mission?
- b. What do 2 Peter 1:3, 1 Timothy 3:15, and Ephesians 2:22 reveal about what God provides for his church as we seek to be like him? How does what we learn about Jesus in 1 Timothy 3:16 reveal about what is to be our mission? What do we learn about the gospel and ourselves in 1 Timothy 1:16?
- c. What are some ways that you have worked toward independence and self-dependence and do you see how it has worked against your daily Christ-dependence? When you consider Psalm 105:4, what are some ways that you can better rest in the gospel and continually seek his face or presence?
- d. What are some examples of what you need to remember and absorb about how Jesus loves and acts toward you that will change the way that you love and act toward others? Or, what do you need to see and feel in order to love and live like Jesus? What step can you take this week to gain an ever-expanding view and trust in the wonder of Jesus so that his character will ooze from your heart and life?



GOSPEL AND GODLINESS | 1 TIMOTHY 3

Sunday, January 5, 2019

### WORSHIP SERVICE @ 10:00 a.m.

**Prelude:** *Let Your Kingdom Come*

#### Call to Worship:

*Forever  
10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)  
Man of Sorrows  
It is Well With My Soul  
Rejoice  
\*\* Kids are invited to KidLife*

**Offering:** *Sanctuary*

#### Installation of Elders and Deacons

#### Prayer & Message:

“Gospel and Godliness”  
1 Timothy 3 (p. 992)  
Rev. Tim Meendering

**Response:** *He Will Hold me Fast*

### SUNDAY SCHOOL @ 11:15

Takes place directly after the worship service and goes until 12:15.

- **Adults** - Fireside Room 253 - “Digging Deeper” sermon discussion. This week’s leader: Eric Pilko
- **High School** - Room 246
- **Middle School** - Youth Room 153
- **KidLife (thru 5th grade)** - Fellowship Hall 100 check-in

*\*\* If you have children, they are welcome to remain with you throughout the service, or you can choose from different options:*

**KidLife Worship** (3 years - 3rd grade) - Check-in desk is in the Fellowship Hall, Room 100 (directly below the sanctuary). Kids may start service there, or go after our opening music in the sanctuary.  
**KidLife Nursery** (0-3 years) - Room 241 (upper level of gym).  
**Parent-Infant Room** - available near the back of the sanctuary for fussy children and nursing mothers.  
**Children’s bulletins** and crayons are available near the lobby stairs.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Jan. 5	Jan. 6	Jan. 7	Jan. 8	Jan. 9	Jan. 10	Jan. 11
worship sunday school high school youth group 6:30-8pm	Starting a new book: <i>The Christian &amp; Obedience</i> by Bill Bright	men's prayer breakfast 7-8am, fellowship hall  women's bible study 9:30-11am, room 212	family dinner 6pm kidlife club 6:30pm middle school yg 6:30pm adult classes 6:45pm			
Jan. 12		men's prayer breakfast 7-8am, fellowship hall  women's bible study 9:30-11am, room 212	family dinner 6pm kidlife club 6:30pm middle school yg 6:30pm adult classes 6:45pm	Jan. 16	Jan. 17	Jan. 18
Jan. 19	Jan. 20	Jan. 21	Jan. 22	Jan. 23	Jan. 24	Jan. 25
worship sunday school discovery class 5-7pm high school youth group 6:30-8pm		men's prayer breakfast 7-8am, fellowship hall  women's bible study 9:30-11am, room 212	family dinner 6pm kidlife club 6:30pm middle school yg 6:30pm adult classes 6:45pm			single women's lunch 1pm @ Red Bird Bistro RSVP with Carol Knox 866-4845

More information on these activities can be found in our weekly **eBeacon** (printouts are available in the lobby and the back of the sanctuary). If you haven't singed up to receive this weekly email, contact the front office at [connect@rockfordrc.org](mailto:connect@rockfordrc.org) and ask to be put on the list.

QUICK INFO

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616-866-2308 • Office Hours: Mon-Thur 9am–2:30pm  
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Online bulletin & sign-in: [rockfordrc.org/sunday](http://rockfordrc.org/sunday)  
Online giving: link is on our home page - [rockfordrc.org](http://rockfordrc.org)  
KidLife email check-in: [rrc.check.in@gmail.com](mailto:rrc.check.in@gmail.com)

Last week's attendance: 263  
Last week's offering: \$12,798

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WE NEED YOUR PHOTOS!

It's time to update our church directory, so if we don't have your family photo yet, or if you want to update what we currently have, please get it to the front office asap! They don't need to be formal portraits, just a photo with a nice, clear view of everyone's faces. If digital, please send the full-size photo to [connect@rockfordrc.org](mailto:connect@rockfordrc.org). Thanks!

DISCOVERY CLASS

Sunday, January 12 & 19, 5-7pm.

If you are thinking about membership with Rockford Reformed Church, or if you just want to learn more about us, this class is for you! Attending class in no way obligates you to join. Dinner will be provided. Childcare available if needed. Registration required. Please contact the office ([connect@rockfordrc.org](mailto:connect@rockfordrc.org), 616-866-2308) if you would like to participate.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Children's Ministry is growing and changing. While this is exciting it does mean that we need some more helping hands for things to flow well. We are looking to add leaders to the following areas. Training will be provided.

- Nursery (every 4-6 weeks)
- Elementary Worship Leader (once a month)
- Check-in Greeter (Fellowship Hall)
- Wednesdays: male co-leader for 5th grade boys
- Wednesdays: female co-leader for 1/2 grade girls

ORGANIC OUTREACH WORKSHIP

Saturday, February 1, 9am-4pm at RRC.

Come join other Christ-followers from other local churches at the Organic Outreach for Ordinary People Workshop. Together, we'll join hearts and minds for a day of inspiration, fun, collaboration, and practical insights. Learn more and register at [rockfordrc.org/organic-outreach](http://rockfordrc.org/organic-outreach).

CONNECTION CARD



**FOLD** and **TEAR** at perforation. Place in the offering plate or in a connection card drop box located at each sanctuary exit.

HELLO!

We're glad you could join us today! Please sign in and let us know who is here (even if they are somewhere else in the building).

Just checking in! Name(s):

NEW?

First of all, welcome! Please tell us a little more about yourself, and make sure to get a welcome bag from the lobby before you leave today. If you need a little added encouragement to leave your information with us, here you go: for every first-time sign-in (with contact info), we donate \$5 to North Kent Connect! Also, the more we know, the better we can help get you connected.

Name:

Address:

His Phone:

Her Phone:

His Email:

Her Email:

Age group: ☐ teens ☐ 20s ☐ 30s ☐ 40s ☐ 50s ☐ 60+

Kids at home (name, birthdate, grade, m/f)

What brings you here today?