



# HTC Small Group

## *Discussion Questions*

**Sermon Title:** Keep the Faith

**Sermon Date:** January 8, 2017

**Scripture:** 1 Timothy 1:1-20

**Speaker:** Pastor Rod Randall

1. To start things off, who stayed up the latest for New Year's Eve? Who went to bed the earliest? What was your most memorable New Year's Eve?
2. Glance over your Bible's introductory comments about 1 Timothy. What strikes you as interesting about this book? Is there a verse that you remember hearing/reading in the past that really challenged you or encouraged you?
3. Read chapter 1.
4. In verse 18 Timothy is told to "fight the good fight." What might this mean for him? What does it mean for you?
5. When it comes to matters of the faith, how are you likely to handle conflict? Any frustrations in your efforts to "fight the good fight?"
6. Why does "keeping the faith" and "fighting the good fight" go hand in hand?
7. In verse 3 Timothy is told to "command certain men not to teach false doctrines." Why do you think Paul has to tell him to do this? As Christians today, how are we at standing against false teaching?
8. If according to verse 8 the "law is made not for the righteous but for the lawbreakers and rebels," why should Christians still read it?
9. How does the Apostle Paul describe himself in this chapter? Considering whom he is and all he has done for the church, does this self-appraisal surprise you? Have you ever felt this way about yourself?
10. How does considering where we *were* in Christ compared to where we are *now* in Christ help us keep the faith?
11. What are the many things Paul is grateful for as listed in verses 12-17? Why is it important to reflect on these things?
12. Verse 16 speaks of God's mercy and unlimited patience. Can you think of ways you've received them? How have you done at showing these to others?
13. How can we make sure we hold on to a good conscience?

14. Any more thoughts on how to keep the faith?