

**WITNESS – Reaching out to others**  
*(Aim for 20 – 30 minutes)*

Jesus asks a considerable number of questions. He does not do this because he doesn't know the answers, but rather to get the listener thinking.

Has asks them in all sorts of different situations.

One of our challenges in our more secular culture is to stimulate spiritual hunger. One of the ways we can do this is by asking good questions; questions that stir people to think outside their normal world view.

Discuss as a group what sort of questions you could ask that would stir people to think about spiritual things.

Pray for each other that you will take the opportunity to use a question this week.

# 1 TIMOTHY

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## Find Your Riches in Christ

### *1 Timothy 6:3–20*

*Purpose:*

To enable us to hear and respond to the teaching here on money and Christian faith, and to apply Paul's final charge to Timothy.

### **WELCOME – Breaking the ice** *(Aim for 10 minutes)*

What do you believe is the place of money in the life of a Christian?

### **WORSHIP – Meeting the Lord** *(Aim for 10 – 15 minutes)*

Read Psalm 100.4-5 “Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name. For the Lord is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.”

Ask everyone to share just one thing they are thankful to God for today and pray these around the room one after the other.

## **WORD – Applying the truth**

### ***(Aim for 40 – 45 minutes)***

Some well-known Christian teachers and authors tell us that being a Christian means success and prosperity. If we are faithful, God will bless us with wealth. Other Christians advocate a simple lifestyle without interest in material possessions. What does Scripture say about how we are to regard money?

In this chapter Paul concludes his agenda of how to lead the powerful and the powerless by addressing the wealthy members of the church.

1. Read 1 Timothy 6:3–20. What do you think Paul means by an “unhealthy interest” (v. 4)?

2. What do the false teachers have to do with money (v. 5)?

3. According to verses 6–8, how are we to find contentment?

4. In your own words, how would you explain Paul's teaching on riches in verses 9–10?

5. What was Paul commanding Timothy to do in this context (vv. 11–14)?

⑥ In what ways does your Christian life feel like a fight?

7. How is Christ pictured in verses 13–16?

⑧ Describe how you have seen Christians use riches to do good work.

9. Why do you think Paul told Timothy to turn away from “godless chatter” (v. 20)?

⑩ Who has God entrusted to your care and how do you guard them?