



## Sermon Discussion Guide

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“Is Confirmation Just for Students?”

[1 Timothy 6:11-14](#)

**10 Big Questions About the Christian Life** is a new sermon series inviting us to wrestle with the most important questions of faith that shape how we live every day. Each week explores a key question that draws us deeper into God’s truth and calls us to live out the hope of the resurrection. This series challenges us to move from belief to action, building a faith that transforms both our lives and the world.

### PRAY & CONNECT

Open in prayer and invite the Holy Spirit into your conversation. Ask God for wisdom and discernment and trust him to guide you. Take time to recap the message or view it on [hopeonline.tv](http://hopeonline.tv). Did you have any ah-ha moments where you felt convicted, compelled, or inspired during the sermon? What’s been on your mind this week? Have you been able to apply the message to your everyday life?

### GROW

Read [John 15:16-17](#) – “*Jesus, the True Vine*”

- What does it feel like to hear that Jesus chose you before you chose him?
- How does knowing that you were chosen and appointed by God shape your understanding of your identity? What does this say about your purpose as a follower of Jesus? Why does Jesus connect being chosen with bearing lasting fruit?
- What kind of “fruit” do you think God wants you to bear in your current stage of life? How can love be both a command and a mission?
- What daily practices help you remember that you’re chosen, appointed, and sent?

Read [Matthew 5:14-16](#) – “*Teaching About Salt and Light*”

- What does it mean to you that Jesus calls you the light of the world? How is that different from being told to create light?
- Why do you think Jesus uses images like a city on a hill or a lamp on a stand to describe our role in the world?
- What would it look like to “let your good deeds shine out” without making it about yourself?
- What’s one small but meaningful step you can take this week to bring light into someone’s darkness?

Read [1 Timothy 4:12](#) – “*A Good Servant for Christ Jesus*”

- How have you experienced others underestimating you—or someone else—because of age or experience?
- Why do you think Paul emphasizes speech, conduct, love, faith, and purity as areas to set an example? How does this list reflect the core of Christian discipleship? Which of these areas do you think are most difficult for believers today?
- Where in your life do you have influence? What would it look like for you to be a consistent example in that place?
- Who in your life needs encouragement to live boldly for Jesus, regardless of their age or stage of life?

Read [Matthew 7:24-27](#) – “*Building on a Solid Foundation*”

- What emotions come up when you think about storms in life? What makes Jesus’ words here stand out from other advice or wisdom?
- Why does Jesus compare obedience to building a house on a solid foundation? What does this metaphor teach us about faith?
- What are some habits or routines that help you live out your faith even when things get hard? Where might God be inviting you to strengthen your foundation right now?
- Who do you know that seems to live with unshakable faith during life’s storms? What could your group do together to help each other apply Jesus’ words more consistently? What one step will you take this week to build more wisely on the foundation of Christ?

### APPLY

Pick one of the applications below to put into practice this week ...

- **Remember your identity:** Set aside time to reflect on what God says about you in Scripture. Write down three truths from the Bible about who you are in Christ and put them somewhere visible as a daily reminder.
- **Live the light:** Choose one situation in your everyday life (school, work, home, etc.) where you can intentionally let your light shine through an act of love, kindness, or service. Be specific and follow through this week.
- **Build on the rock:** Identify one teaching of Jesus that you’ve heard but struggled to consistently follow. Make a plan to practice it. Share your intention with someone in your group to help keep you accountable.