

LIFE Group Guide
The Open Secret of a Godly Life
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1 Timothy 3:14-16



Prayer Request: Thank the Father for the gift of the Son, who humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Pray for the person to your right, that God would grow them in godliness. Ask the Holy Spirit to impress the truths of Scripture deep into their heart.

Icebreaker Question(s): How was your Thanksgiving?

Read 1 Timothy 3:14-16:

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.

Sermon Outline:

Six marvelous statements about our Lord Jesus Christ, in two pairs.

1. Christ revealed
 2. Christ proclaimed
 3. Christ received
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- I. Godliness
 - II. Mystery
 - III. Jesus
 - a. Receive Christ
 - b. Hope in Christ
 - c. Confess Christ

Discussion Questions:

1. As you heard the word of God preached or read, what did the Holy Spirit remind you of, challenge you with, convict you of, or encourage you in? Did you have any questions or was anything unclear?
2. Read 1 Timothy 3:14-16: What is godliness? What does it mean to be godly? What does godliness look like?
3. What does the passage mean when it speaks of a mystery? What is the mystery of godliness?
4. How can godliness be restored? How can we become godly? On whom do we rely?
5. How have you seen Christ grow you or others in godliness?
6. How is God growing you in godliness at this point in your life?
7. How does 1 Timothy 3:14-16 lead you to worship?
8. Discuss as a LIFE Group: How can you as a LIFE Group point one another to Christ? How can you practically support one another in the pursuit of godliness?

Prayer: Our Father, we thank you for the gift of the Son, who was manifested in the flesh, vindicated by the Spirit, seen by angels, proclaimed among the nations, believed on in the world, taken up into glory. We ask that you would make us godly, since we know that godliness is of great value in every way. We set our hopes on you, the living God, looking to you for help in fighting the good fight of faith. We ask these things in the name of Jesus Christ, by the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.