

# CONNECTING AND REFLECTING EXPERIENCE

**NEXT WEEK:** March. 8, 2015

**Title:** "How Does His Kingdom Grow? 3 Of 4 Spiritual Disciplines"

**Text:** 1 Timothy 4 (especially vs. 7&8); Matt. 15:8-9

**This next week's readings:**

Matthew 20  
Luke 15-19  
John 12  
Psalms 10-25

**Questions to Consider**

1. Read the above Scriptures and ponder this statement: "Spiritual disciplines don't give us "spiritual brownie points" or help us "work the system" for a passing grade from God. They simply put us in a place where we can begin to notice God and respond to His word to us." Do you agree or disagree? Why?

**Parents with your Children**



This week make a list of what you see as being the most important things you and your children need to understand/believe without any doubt in order to be successful in life?

**Prayer Requests**

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**CARE Groups**

**Our Purpose:**  
To help families apply the truth of God's Word in everyday life and build closer relationships within our church.

**Our Passage:**  
*"But God has {so} composed the body... {that} the members should have the same care for one another."*

1 Cor. 12:24-25 (NAS)

**Timber Lake Christian's website:**



**Doug's Blog:**



**In a Nutshell:** The first truth that must be addressed is whether there are any such things as truth and false teachings. Once that is established you have the ominous task of figuring out what are necessary essentials to agree on and nonessential opinions we are free to disagree over. The Bible spends more time exposing false teacher's by their fruit than it does contrasting essential beliefs vs. nonessential opinions. No question - the Bible clearly warns us to be on guard against false teachers!

**Ice Breaker:** Can you recall a conviction/belief that you had as a young person that in time you learned was inaccurate? How did it make you feel about the Bible once you understood the truth? About the person/church that taught you inaccurately? About yourself?

**Title:** "Core Beliefs"

**Texts:** -Matthew 13:24-30,36-43; 2 Peter 2:1-3; 1 John 4:1; Matthew 7:15-20; Romans 16:17; 2 Timothy 4:3-4

**Topics:** (Thompson Chain Reference, Nave's Topical Bible, International Standard Bible Encyclopedia ; false teachers; false prophets; Satan's work; evil sowing; judgment by works; sin's fruit )

**CONNECTING TO THE TEXT**

1. What is the source of "weeds" in the Kingdom?
- 2.What do these passages tell us about false teachings?
- 3.What do these passages tell us about false teachers?
- 4.What do these passages tell us about people in the churches where false teachers are attending?
- 5.If there are "weeds" in the field (false teachers and false teach-

ings) then what does that say about the need for core beliefs to be taught?

**REFLECTING ON OUR LIVES**

1. What are your core beliefs, about Jesus, the church, the Bible, heaven, hell, family, the Holy Spirit?
- 2.From where did you get those core beliefs?
- 3.Are your sources qualified to be authoritative for those core beliefs?

**CONNECTING TO OUR CHURCH:**

1. What should you do if you disagree with a core belief taught in class or preached from the pulpit?