

**Small Group Discussion Questions**  
**Sermon Date: October 1, 2023**

**Sermon: The Power of Meditation**  
**Passage: 1 Timothy 1:15-17**

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**Sermon Outline:**

4 Meditative Responses to Paul's Salvation

1. Paul Proclaims His Salvation, v. 15a
2. Paul Professes His Sinfulness, v. 15b
3. Paul Perceives His Significance, v. 16
4. Paul Praises His Savior, v. 17

**Review Questions:**

1. What logical additions do you need to make to the following statement to have the complete gospel: "Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners"?
2. What do we learn about God from the following words in Paul's statement?
  - a. "trustworthy"
  - b. "came"
  - c. "sinners"
3. How does Paul's recognition of his sinfulness drive him to greater faithfulness?
4. Whom is salvation primarily for? Explain.
5. Explain how patience is a key aspect of the gospel and salvation.
6. In what way is Paul an example to others?

**Discussion Questions:**

1. Do you have a regular practice of reflecting on your salvation? Explain what you do.
2. "The greater the sin, the greater the mercy." How can this statement encourage you to greater faithfulness?
3. Reflect on the fact that God primarily saves people for His own glory? How does/should this energize your commitment and service to Him?
4. In what ways are you thankful for God's patience with you?
5. If you were to write a doxology, what characteristics or activities of God would you include?
6. Based on Paul's reflections, what would you say to a Christian who says he is too sinful to serve? What would you say to someone who is not excelling in his service and commitment to the church?
7. What further convictions or questions do this passage and sermon raise for you?