

House Rules

1 Timothy 1:1-2; 3:14-16

This is God's House

1.6.13

Synopsis: Because the Church is God's Family – saved and purchased by Jesus, He gets to decide how the church lives and loves in order that the watching world might see and savor the truth of His glorious gospel.

Remember

When you hear the theme for the series "House Rules", what comes to your mind?

What was the silliest (in your mind) house rule you had in your home growing up? With a roommate? You discovered about your spouse?

What were some things we learned about Timothy? Are there ways you can identify with him?

When you think about the churches in the New Testament, are you prone to think they were perfect? Why or why not?

What did we learn about the church in Ephesus?

Deepen

Paul loves the Church and yet can still see ways in which it needs to grow, change, repent and learn. Why is this view of love important in our relationship with one another? The Church?

What were the ways in which Paul describes the Church in 1 Timothy 3:14-15? What do these metaphors convey?

In 1 Timothy 3:16, Paul grounds the House Rules for God's Family in the Person and Work of Jesus. What does Paul want us to know about Jesus?

Read Colossians 1:15-23

What do we see about who Jesus is (person) and what Jesus did (work) in this passage?

How must the person and work of Jesus shape who we are as a church?

Transform

The goal for this series is that we would learn what it means for Exodus to be God's family. What might that look like for our church? For our community group? For me?

What will need to change about your life in order for the beauty of Christ to be seen more fully?