

## House Rules

### 1 Timothy 4:1-5

### Enjoy God's Creation

3:10:13

## Reminder

- Move to New Facility – March 17
- Easter – March 31
  - Offering for Church Planting
  - Invite Cards

## Remember

When you consider that God wants our joy, what comes to your mind?

Do you tend to see God's commands as guides to greater or lesser joy? Why?

## Read 1 Timothy 4:1-5.

Talk through the passage. Anything stand out to you from the passage or the sermon that is helpful?

- False teaching destroys our joy.
  - Rebellion in the culture doesn't produce lasting joy.
  - Religious moralism that reacts to culture doesn't produce joy.
  - Religious moralism creates barriers to the gospel.
- God wants our joy.
  - We can see God's creation as gross, good or gift.
  - Paul wants us to see the things he has made as...
    - Created by God
    - Graciously given by God
    - Guided by the truth of God

## Deepen

Read Genesis 1:31

What is God's estimation of his creation? What is included in this?

What is helpful about the "god, good, gift" paradigm for God's creation? How do you experience marriage in this paradigm? How do you experience food? What else needs to be viewed through this grid?

Brian asked, "How do you let religious moralism cloud the gospel in your life?" Discuss your answer.

Why is it important that we follow God's directions for how we use his gifts?

How does Galatians 5:1 speak to this topic?

## Transform

Paul calls us to receive God's good gifts with thankfulness. How do these verses call us to this?

- 1 Thessalonians 5:18
- Colossians 3:17

What does our thankfulness and gratitude communicate about how we understand the gospel?

Spend some time expressing gratitude as a group. Try to talk about how the gospel has prompted that gratitude.

- To God.
  - Ex: Thank you God for giving me coffee. We didn't deserve for coffee to taste like it does. But you made it that way. Thanks.
- To one another
  - Ex: Thank you, Nathan for leading us in worship through music every week. I notice that we sing the narrative of the gospel each week. I know your passion for Jesus and hard work is evidence of God's grace in your life. I'm grateful to God for you.