Discussion Questions Group

1. Why do you think that Paul didn’t just tell slaves to runaway or rebel against the system or their master’s?

2. How does Paul’s instruction about slaves submitting to masters parallel his instruction for citizens to submit to their (often secular and corrupt) rulers?

3. How do we see this in Jesus’ life? (See Phil 2:5-11. The word for “servant” in v. 7 is the same Greek word that is translated as “slave” or “bondservant” in 1 Tim 6:1).

4. Paul warns Christian bondservants not to take advantage of their Christian masters. How are we today tempted to do something similar?

5. What does “doctrine" mean, and what separates good from bad (v. 3)? Paul characterizes the false teachers as teaching “different doctrine.” What does he mean? Their doctrine is different than what?

6. Why does sound doctrine lead to sound living, and unsound doctrine to unsound living?

7. How does sound doctrine bring order to the church?

8. Why does godliness lead us to contentment? How does godliness teach us to be satisfied with what God has provided us?

9. Who are the rich in today’s world? How does God call us to invest our material wealth (vv. 17-19).

10. What is doxology?

11. How does good theology lead to doxology?

12. When do you find yourself most inspired to worship? What’s on your mind in those moments?