

August 24, 2025
Sermon Notes: Gospel Glue

Introduction

1. Welcome and lighthearted opening
2. Connection to in-person and online audience

Leadership and Followership in Pursuing Jesus

1. Commission given by Jesus (Matthew 28:18-20)
2. Discipleship always involves leadership
3. Everyone is leading someone, at a minimum, themselves
4. Influence on others through daily choices and relationships

The Importance of Integrity in Leadership

1. Leadership begins with self-leadership
2. Influence is “caught, not taught”
3. Biblical leadership starts with integrity, not public influence
4. John Maxwell’s definition: Leadership is influence

Background on 1 Timothy

1. Paul’s relationship with Timothy
2. Timothy’s role as pastor in Ephesus
3. Context of Ephesus: pagan worship and syncretism
4. False teaching in the Ephesian church
5. Paul’s purpose: to elevate the Gospel and godly leadership anchored in integrity

Paul’s Authority and Calling (1 Timothy 1:1-2)

1. Paul was an apostle by command of God
2. Distinction of Paul’s apostleship (Damascus Road, revelation from Christ)
3. Confidence in calling rooted in Christ, not credentials
4. Hope and assurance in Jesus despite suffering

Timothy as Recipient and Protégé

1. Personal relationship and shared ministry history with Paul
2. Timothy's background and faith heritage
3. Paul's life-on-life discipleship model with Timothy
4. Gospel bond is the strongest bond

The Gospel as Grace, Mercy, and Peace (1 Timothy 1:2b)

1. Grace - God's forgiveness and enabling power
2. Mercy - God's compassionate restraint and new beginning
3. Peace - God's presence and stability in a chaotic world

Christ-Centered Focus

1. Paul's emphasis on God the Father and Jesus Christ in the introduction
2. Leadership influence aimed toward Christlikeness

Conclusion

1. Lasting leadership legacy flows from integrity in Christ
2. Our calling: pursue Jesus and help others pursue Jesus
3. Invitation to continue the journey through 1 Timothy
4. Closing prayer