

## MOOREBANK & HAMMONDVILLE ANGLICAN CHURCH

### QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION OR REFLECTION

Bible Passage: 1 Timothy 4

#### Read 1 Timothy 4.

*Our passage today is all about training in godliness. Verse 7 is the key verse: "Have nothing to do with irreverent, silly myths. Rather train yourself for godliness"*

- 1) What has been your experience of "training in godliness" in the past? Has it been a major part of your life so far as a Christian?
- 2) We've seen already that Paul wants Timothy to deal with false teaching in the church at Ephesus. What is the nature of that false teaching in vv. 1-5?
- 3) Why might false teachers be placing these rules upon believers? What is the problem with rules?
- 4) Verse 5 concerns what sets all food apart as acceptable for God's people to eat. What word from God do you think declares it so, and what kind of prayers should we give as we receive all food?
- 5) What do verses 1-5 contribute to our theme of "training in godliness"?
- 6) In verses 6 to 11, what metaphor is Paul using when he calls Timothy to "train in godliness"?
- 7) What are the implications of this metaphor for how we think about godliness? Why is such training necessary?
- 8) How does it hold promise for the present life? How does it hold promise for the life to come?
- 9) Is verse 10 claiming that God saves everyone? If not, then what does verse 10 mean?
- 10) In vv. 12-14, Paul gives Timothy three things to do in order to "train for godliness." What are they?
- 11) These three things are given to Timothy as a leader of the church. How might we translate them for us who are members of the church? What might our three things be?
- 12) What is one thing that you can be working on to better focus your life on training for godliness?