



# **APPLICATION QUESTIONS**

James 1:22 says, *“Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says.”* These questions are designed to help you apply today’s message to your life. We encourage you to thoughtfully answer these questions and discuss your answers with others. For more information about joining a Grow Group that uses these questions as the basis for weekly discussion, prayer, and accountability, please call the church office at (936) 582-1977.

1. Read Matthew 7:15, John 10:2-5, and 2 Corinthians 11:3, 13-15. Based on these verses, what is discernment and why it is so important to you as a lover and follower of Christ?
  
2. Read 1 Timothy 1:3, 10, 4:6, 6:3, 2 Timothy 1:13, 4:3 and Titus 1:9, 2:1. What is the difference between “sound doctrine” and “strange doctrine” and why is the ability to differentiate between the two critical to your spiritual health and growth?
  
3. What are some present-day examples of integrating worldly ideas with Scripture or going beyond what Scripture says or focusing on secondary issues or speculating about things which the Bible is not clear or harping on things that only serve to confuse and cause conflict?
  
4. Compare 1 Timothy 1:5 with 1 Tim. 4:2, 6:3-5, 2 Tim. 2:16-17, 3:2-5, and Titus 1:12-16. What are the differences between what sound doctrine and false doctrine produces in a person’s life?
  
5. Read Acts 20:33, 1 Corinthians 9:14-18, 2 Corinthians 2:17, 11:7, 1 Thessalonians 2:5, and 2 Thessalonians 3:7-11. How did Paul keep people from questioning his motives for ministry?
  
6. How does the law and grace fit together in the gospel message? What is the main heresy to look out for in regards to how a person presents the gospel (cf. Ephesians 2:8-9)?
  
7. Ask God to help you develop the habit of carefully evaluating every preacher/teacher you hear or author you read by asking the four simple questions mentioned at the end of the sermon:
  - Is there teaching based on the Word of God? Is it consistent with what the Bible says?
  - Does their teaching produce growth in godliness? Is it unifying and edifying to the body of Christ?
  - Do they humbly seek to honor God and help others? Is it free of charge and free from financial appeal?
  - Do they explain the gospel message clearly and correctly? Is it works-based or God-glorifying grace?