Small Group Discussion Guide part 5

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Discussion Questions:

Read 1 Timothy 3:14-16

Context Matters: To better understand these verses, let's consider the context. Who is Timothy, and what role does he play in the early church? (1 Timothy 1:3)

The Household of God: In verse 15, Paul describes the church as "the household of God." What does this imagery mean to you, and how should it influence our view of the church today?

The Pillar and Support of the Truth: According to verse 15, the church is the "pillar and support of the truth." What responsibility does this place on the church? How can we, fulfill this role in our community?

The Mystery of Godliness: Verse 16 talks about the "mystery of godliness." What is this mystery, and how does it relate to the person and work of Jesus Christ?

Confession of Faith: How important is it for us, to hold fast to our confession of faith, especially in a world with various belief systems and philosophies?

Practical Application: What practical steps can we take to ensure that our church remains faithful to its calling as the household of God and the pillar of truth? How can we encourage one another in godliness?

Leadership and Character: In the preceding verses (<u>1 Timothy 3:1-13</u>), Paul outlines qualifications for overseers and deacons. How do these qualifications relate to the overall theme of maintaining godliness within the church?

Personal Reflection: How can we individually contribute to the growth and health of our church, both in terms of character and upholding the truth?

Encouragement and Accountability: How can we, as a small group, support and hold each other accountable in our pursuit of godliness and our role in the church?

Closing Thoughts: In verse 16, Paul concludes with a declaration of Christ's glory. Spend a moment discussing what this means to you personally and how it should shape our worship and service within the church.

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