What’s the Point? Lesson #1

Series: What’s the Point?  
Title: Our Church’s Creed and Cause  
Scripture: 1 Timothy 3:14-16

GOAL: “To understand that church is all about Jesus. He is the creed and the cause of our godliness.”

Announcements:
Women’s Bible Study has started back up: This year the women are going through a study called “Experiencing God.” It is not too late to sign up. You may join by contacting Donna Parsons at 530-622-6503 or showing up to the study Tuesday morning at 8:45am in the Worship Center or Wednesday night at 7pm in Room 207/208.


Financial Peace University:
We are offering a free class preview of Dave Ramsey’s Financial Peace University on September 29th in Room 305 at 9:30am during the second service. Come to find out more information regarding the class and how to register.

GriefShare: GriefShare is starting back up on Sept 30th in Room 305 at 7pm. If you have recently lost a loved one, you don’t have to battle that loss alone. Sign up for GriefShare by contacting Sue McGaughlin at 530-677-5149.

Word Walkers Class: This week a Bible study is starting that will be held every Sunday morning at 11:00am in Room 203. They will be going through the Book of Genesis, and is being led by Stewart Lomax.

Getting Started:

1. Go around the whole group and have each person introduce themselves and answer the next three questions:
   a. If you were a cartoon, which one would you be and why?
   b. What is the worst thing you did as a kid?
   c. What’s your pet peeve?

Open in Prayer:

Digging into the word: (READ: 1 Timothy 3:14-16)

1. What do you think is the point of church?

2. What do you know about Timothy and what type of challenges do you think he faced as a leader of this new Christian movement?

3. Why did Paul write these instructions? Further, why does Paul start out his instruction to Timothy with a creedal statement?
4. What does Paul mean when he states, “Beyond all Question” in verse 16?

5. What is the significance behind each of the following creedal statements?
   - Jesus appeared in the flesh
   - Jesus was vindicated by the Spirit
   - Jesus was seen by angels
   - Jesus was preached among the nations
   - Jesus was believed on in the world
   - Jesus was taken up in glory

6. What does Brian mean when he states, “Our creed is more than truth claims or doctrines”?

**APPLICATION:**

Why are those qualities about Jesus important for you as a Christian?

Brian stated, “The truth of Jesus is to form our conduct.” How has the truth of Jesus impacted the way in which you live your life?

In what way can you serve in your church?

**Transition to Prayer Requests and Close in Prayer**