

Go Deep

1 Timothy 4:1-5

1. *Read 1 Timothy 4:1.* When did “the Spirit clearly say” this? How would describe what the “later times/last days” to someone who had never read the Bible?
2. According to this verse, why will some people “abandon the faith”? Do you know people who have abandoned the faith? What was their reason? Does this verse fit their situation?
3. Who are the “deceiving spirits”? What does 1 John 4:1-6 teach us about them? Why does Satan lie? What is his goal? What are some examples of deceptive teaching of demons in the world?
4. Name some of the biggest issues and sins in American society. What satanic lies do you see behind them?
5. Do you agree that behind every evil deed is an evil lie that has been believed? Can you know the truth and still believe the lie? How does Romans 1:18-25 describe how the world came under the power of lies.
6. *Read 4:2.* What makes these false teachers hypocritical? How does their conscience get seared? How can you tell if someone is one of these teachers?
7. *Read 4:3.* Why would people want to follow teachers that forbid them to marry and eat certain foods? What is legalism and why is it attractive to people?
8. What was the heresy they were teaching? What was the lie that Paul found in the heresy?
9. *Read 4:4-5.* What happens when you do not believe that “everything God created is good”?
10. What does it mean to consecrate something? Why does the word of God and prayer consecrate all foods?