

Questions for Personal Reflection and Group Discussion

12 I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has given me strength, that he considered me trustworthy, appointing me to his service. 13 Even though I was once a blasphemer and a persecutor and a violent man, I was shown mercy because I acted in ignorance and unbelief. 14 The grace of our Lord was poured out on me abundantly, along with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus.

15 Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the worst. 16 But for that very reason I was shown mercy so that in me, the worst of sinners, Christ Jesus might display his immense patience as an example for those who would believe in him and receive eternal life. 17 Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory for ever and ever. Amen. 1 Timothy 1, NIV

1. Have you ever been tempted to think that you are too sinful to be forgiven? List the reasons this passage provides for you to believe God has/can forgive you.
2. How do you feel about talking about your past when you share your faith?
3. Paul shared his story of God's work in his life numerous times in the New Testament accounts. Take some time this week and sketch out your story following Paul's outline.
 - I can't believe what God did for me!
 - I once was, an undeserving sinner.
 - Jesus Christ came to save sinners like me.
 - If God can rescue me, He can rescue you as well.
 - I believed in Jesus and received eternal life.
 - Isn't God incredible!
 - What about you?