**Life Team Bible Study:** For the week of February 18 – One Thing

**Suggested schedule:** This is all flexible

* 15 minutes: Gathering / Refreshments
* 15 minutes: Prayer requests
* 30-45 minutes: Discussion of the lesson
* 5 minutes: closing prayer
* 15-30 minutes: Refreshments

**HANG**

* Was there one point from this week’s sermon that particularly caught your attention, challenged you or confused you?
* Have you ever had an encounter with someone who was trying to influence you to believe something completely contrary to what you knew to be true? What was your first gut reaction and how did you respond?
* There are three things we need to learn to do in response to false teaching: identify it – avoid it – and attempt to win over those who are caught up in it. Which one of these comes easiest to you? Which one might you need to develop the most and why?

**HEAR**

**We saw this weekend that the Enemy’s false teachers attempt to distort what God is telling us through Scripture. What characteristics and/or tactics of false teaching are found in the following verses?**

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Galatians 4:8-11

Colossians 2:20-23

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* Are there any other verses you can think of that support these essential truths?
* How might knowing these truths help you identify a cult or error-filled teaching?

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**2 Timothy 2:24-26**

**1 Tim 4:1-10**

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* How can following the principles found in the verses below help us win over those entangled in false teaching?

**1 Peter 3:15-16**

**Acts 17:11**

**Colossians 4:6**

**Ephesians 4:15**

* Which one is most important for you to remember?

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