## Sermon Application/Discussion Questions – 4/29/2018 Sunday Message: Mickey Connelly – 1 Timothy 1:15 Why Gospel Centered?

- 1. How would you explain what it means to be gospel-centered? What is the difference between the gospel functioning as the gateway *to* the Christian life and the gospel functioning as a pathway *of* the Christian life?
- 2. Four areas that defy living a gospel-centered life are:
  - 1. Licentiousness: Because the gospel offers forgiveness from sin, it gives permission to sin.
  - 2. Legalism: What you do or don't do mediates your relationship with God.
  - 3. Self-righteousness: An attitude of entitlement or deserving something from God.
  - 4. Self-sufficiency: A sense of adequacy in one's self.

Which categories do you tend to function in?

- 3. Considering our own lives and the life of our local congregation, Sovereign Grace Church in Marlton, in what ways would you say our local community of believers and non-believers see the gospel on display in clear and compelling ways? What things in our lives might obscure a clear view of the gospel?
- 4. Pray for God's grace to help us continue to grow more deeply in living gospel-centered lives. Pray also for ourselves, that God would continue to help us grow more deeply as a gospel-centered church and through us, further the impact of the gospel on our local communities and beyond.