

# Assassin Christians

*1 Timothy 1:18-20 - Adam Bowers*

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Adam shared an illustration about the Assassin Bug at the beginning of his message. Just for fun, if you could spend one day as an insect, which would you choose and why?
2. In Matthew 7:15-20, Jesus warns his followers about people who will infiltrate their communities disguised as sheep when they are really wolves. What do you think Jesus meant by that?
3. How does Jesus tell His disciples to identify people who sneak in disguised and will end up causing destruction?
4. What are some practical things you can do or look for to help you follow Jesus' instructions?
5. Adam talked about a spectrum of destructive people in the church:
  - a. People who **are not** followers of Jesus and intentionally work to damage churches
  - b. People who **are not** followers of Jesus but think they are and work to damage churches - generally unwittingly but with some sinful motives
  - c. People who **are** followers of Jesus and have mixed motives for damaging churches - generally this means they have some sinful motives but have convinced themselves they are doing the right thing or that the ends justify the means
  - d. People who **are** followers of Jesus and inadvertently damage churches out of ignorance

Why is it helpful to understand the spectrum of damaging people and respond each type differently?

6. Has there been a time when you might have been in one of these categories? Have you ever seen them at work in a church?
7. Paul told Timothy to cling to his faith and keep his conscience clear. How can you follow these instructions in your life?