

Community Group Study Questions

For the week of February 2, 2020

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

- 1 Can you name a movie, book, or T.V. show that had lying as its central theme?
- 2 In your opinion, how truthful do you think we are as a culture? What evidence do you see to support this trend?
- 3 Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything you heard for the first time or that caught your attention, challenged or confused you?

TITUS: DIGGING DEEPER

- 1 This week, Kyle looked at Titus 1:9-16 which highlights the reason why qualified elders are so important . . . because false teachers are a real danger to the church. Read through this passage in your group and highlight anything that stands out to you that you would like to discuss or know more about.

Titus 1:9-16 ⁹ holding to the faithful message as taught, so that he will be able both to encourage with sound teaching and to refute those who contradict it. ¹⁰ For there are many who are insubordinate, empty talkers and deceivers, especially those of the circumcision party. ¹¹ They must be silenced, since they are upsetting whole families by teaching for shameful gain what they ought not to teach.

¹² One of the Cretans, a prophet of their own, said, "Cretans are always liars, evil beasts, lazy gluttons."

¹³ This testimony is true. Therefore rebuke them sharply, that they may be sound in the faith, ¹⁴ not devoting themselves to Jewish myths and the commands of people who turn away from the truth. ¹⁵ To the pure, all things are pure, but to the defiled and unbelieving, nothing is pure; but both their minds and their consciences are defiled. ¹⁶ They profess to know God, but they deny him by their works. They are detestable, disobedient, unfit for any good work.

1. What are the three characteristics of false teachers Paul mentions in vv. 10-11?
2. The New Testament is full of warnings about false teachers. Look up the passages below in your group time and list what do you learn from each of the following verses about how to identify a false teacher?

1 Timothy 1:3-7

1 Timothy 6:3-10

2 Timothy 2:14-16

2 Peter 2:1-9

1 John 2:21-24

Jude 8-16

3. On a scale of 1 to 5, how well do you feel you know the truths of Scripture? (How confident are you in your ability to discern theological lies when you encounter them.)

4. From your notes, what were the three tests that Kyle shared at the end of the message on how to spot false teaching?
 1. (found in John 1:1-3, 14)

 2. (found in Ephesians. 2:4-9)

 3. (found in John 17:17, 2 Timothy 3:16-17, Hebrews 1:1-2)

TAKING IT HOME

1 Interacting with God's Word is an important part of the Christian life. Put a checkmark next to the following descriptions that best describe how you are currently doing or feeling about learning the Bible.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Going through the motions | <input type="checkbox"/> Not getting much out of it |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Consistent | <input type="checkbox"/> Only reading the Bible to do Life Group homework |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Needing more direction | <input type="checkbox"/> Miss it when I don't read it |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Frustrated | <input type="checkbox"/> Bored |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Confused | <input type="checkbox"/> Inspired |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Don't know where to begin | <input type="checkbox"/> Learning a lot of helpful things |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |

2 Despite the facts the Bible is accurate, reliable and has the power to transform our lives, it still seems many Christians struggle to make it a regular part of their lives. Why do you think that is true?

2 Looking back on this week's sermon and study, what's most important for you to remember?

PRAYER REQUESTS

