

Community Group Study Questions

For the week of February 9, 2020

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

1 When you were young, at what age did you consider someone “old?” At what age do you define it now? At what age did you (and do you now) think a person’s prime of life occurred?

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 2:1-10 which gives us a picture of what we ought to look like. We are being watched by others, and this is a summary of how applying the gospel to our lives will impact us in visible ways.

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. Because this passage mentions many character traits, it may be helpful to look up in a dictionary any that you are not familiar with.

Titus 2:1-10 *But as for you, speak the things which are proper for sound doctrine.*

² *Older men are to be sober-minded, dignified, self-controlled, sound in faith, in love, and in steadfastness.*

³ *Older women likewise are to be reverent in behavior, not slanderers or slaves to much wine. They are to teach what is good,*

⁴ *and so train the young women to love their husbands and children, ⁵ to be self-controlled, pure, working at home, kind, and submissive to their own husbands, that the word of God may not be reviled.*

⁶ *Likewise, urge the younger men to be self-controlled. ⁷ Show yourself in all respects to be a model of good works, and in your teaching show integrity, dignity, ⁸ and sound speech that cannot be condemned, so that an opponent may be put to shame, having nothing evil to say about us.*

⁹ *Bondservants are to be submissive to their own masters in everything; they are to be well-pleasing, not argumentative, ¹⁰ not pilfering, but showing all good faith, so that in everything they may adorn the doctrine of God our Savior.*

1. Notice that in 2:1, Paul writes “speak the things . . .” not “teach the things.” In other words, this doesn’t only apply to preaching, but to conversation as well. All speech, public and private needs to be wholesome, healthy and nourishing. According to James 3:1, why do you think Paul focuses first on Titus and his speech & teaching?

James 3:1 My brethren, let not many of you become teachers, knowing that we shall receive a stricter judgment.

Read Proverbs 12:18 in the different translations listed below: What does it say about our words? What word pictures does Solomon use to describe the effect of our words? What are some implications?

^{NKJ} *There is one who speaks like the piercings of a sword, But the tongue of the wise promotes health.*

^{ESV} *There is one whose rash words are like sword thrusts, but the tongue of the wise brings healing.*

^{NLT} *Some people make cutting remarks, but the words of the wise bring healing.*

Do you know anyone who speaks rashly? What is your estimation of that person?
What age would you guess they are?

2. Of the traits listed in the five categories of people (older men, older women, younger women, younger men, and servants/employees) go back and circle which traits seem to be the rarest in each, and share with the group why you circled what you did?

3. What are some of the things in this passage that our culture goes against?

4. In Leviticus 19:32, God speaks of the respect we should have for those who are older.
Leviticus 19:32 `You shall rise before the gray headed and honor the presence of an old man, and fear your God: I am the LORD.
What are some practical ways we can honor those who are older than us?

5. What are some problems with “doing church” in isolation (ie. listening to sermons via T.V., radio, or online) instead of becoming a vibrant member of a local church?

TAKING IT HOME

- 1 Our passage for today was highly focused on application. Self-Control is mentioned for both older and younger men and women. According to 2:12, why is self-control so necessary in the Christian life?

What are some areas that you have a healthy self-Control?

In which areas do you need to pray for greater self-control? What would self-control look like?

- 2 Is there anyone who has been a mentor to you? What are some important lessons you learned from them? Do they know how they impacted you? (have you told them?)

- 3 Looking back on this week’s sermon and study, what’s most important for you to remember?

PRAYER REQUESTS

