

# Community Group Study Questions

For the week of March 1, 2020

## GETTING TO KNOW YOU

1 What do you think the following quotes mean? Pick one and share with the group why you like it.

*“A man whose hands are full of parcels can’t receive a gift.” (C.S. Lewis)*

*“Faith’s only function is to receive what grace offers.” (John Stott)*

*“Lord, I crawled across the barrenness to you with my empty cup . . . If only I had known you better, I’d have come running with a bucket.” (Nancy Spiegelberg)*

*“If you do not transform your pain, you will surely transmit it.” (Richard Rohr)*

*“How great a God is He who gives God!” (Augustine)*

2 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 INTO GRACE

1 This week, we continued looking Titus 2:11-14, but focused on understanding grace. If you decided to memorize it, take some time to recite it to the group now. If not, see how much you can get correct in the group setting. Encourage each other as you recite this wonderful passage.

**Titus 2:11-14** <sup>11</sup> For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, <sup>12</sup> training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, <sup>13</sup> waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, <sup>14</sup> who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works.

1. Author D. A. Carson uses this passage as an example of “grace driven effort.” What do you think he meant? (you may want to look at the last two sermons notes as well).

2 Explore what these below verses say about God’s grace. Feel free to look them up in different versions.

*John 1:16-17*

*Romans 1:5*

*Romans 5:19-6:2*

*1 Corinthians 15:10*

*2 Corinthians 12:7-9*

*Ephesians 2:8-9*

1. Try to summarize what you learned in the above passages in a sentence or two, and share it with the group.
2. How would you now define godly grace? What does your definition imply for the life of a Christ follower?
3. The main subject and emphasis in Titus is good works. Romans 12: 9-21 is an excellent description of what these good works may look like. Read Romans 12:9-21 in your group. How can Grace work in us to achieve the goals of this passage? What is our role in this transformation?

*Romans 12:9-21 <sup>9</sup> Let love be without hypocrisy. Abhor what is evil. Cling to what is good.*

*<sup>10</sup> Be kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love, in honor giving preference to one another;*

*<sup>11</sup> not lagging in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord; <sup>12</sup> rejoicing in hope, patient in tribulation, continuing steadfastly in prayer; <sup>13</sup> distributing to the needs of the saints, given to hospitality.*

*<sup>14</sup> Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. <sup>15</sup> Rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep.*

*<sup>16</sup> Be of the same mind toward one another. Do not set your mind on high things, but associate with the humble. Do not be wise in your own opinion.*

*<sup>17</sup> Repay no one evil for evil. Have regard for good things in the sight of all men.*

*<sup>18</sup> If it is possible, as much as depends on you, live peaceably with all men.*

*<sup>19</sup> Beloved, do not avenge yourselves, but rather give place to wrath; for it is written, "Vengeance is Mine, I will repay," says the Lord. <sup>20</sup> Therefore "If your enemy is hungry, feed him; If he is thirsty, give him a drink; For in so doing you will heap coals of fire on his head."*

*<sup>21</sup> Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.*

## TAKING IT HOME

- 1 If you have not memorized Titus 2:11-14, purpose to memorize it this week. Find one or two other people in your group to hold you accountable to rehearse and memorize it.
- 3 Looking back on this week's sermon and study, what's most important for you to remember?

## PRAYER REQUESTS

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