

# Community Group Study Questions

For the week of March 8, 2020

## GETTING TO KNOW YOU

- 1 Physical attributes aside, what do you find most attractive in a person? What do you find most off putting or repulsive in a person?
- 2 What are some things in your life that you continually need to be reminded about?
- 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 In Titus 3, Paul begins writing about how the Christian should relate to the unbelieving culture around them. Read through Titus 3:1-2 in your group time and answer the following questions.

**Titus 3:1-2** *Remind them to be subject to rulers and authorities, to obey, to be ready for every good work, to speak evil of no one, to be peaceable, gentle, showing all humility to all men.*

1. In v. 1 Paul tells us how we should relate to governing authorities. What do you think the situation was like when he wrote that? Was it easier or more difficult to obey?
2. The Greek word for "remind" implies that it is something Titus needed to do continually (Keep reminding them). What do you think Paul specifically wanted us to remember? (was it just to submit to governing authorities or other portions of this passage?) Why do you think we need to be reminded continually?
3. Peter writes a similar command to us in regard to government. What does 1 Peter 2:13-15 tell us to do? What should be our motivation for obeying? What is the result of obedience?
4. What does Acts 5:28-33 teach us about the limit that God has placed upon civil authorities, and the possible outcome for proper civil disobedience?
5. What are the six commands Paul gives in verses 1-2? Which of these do you find most difficult to live out? Why?
6. What would it take for Americans to begin to have a high opinion of Christians . . . that Christians would have a great reputation (Hollywood, Media, Education, Govt)?

- 2 The first two verses tell us what we are supposed to do and how we are called to live as Christians. The following five verses give us the reason why we should live that way, and it provides the inspiration, motivation, power and energy that shapes this everyday mission for us. Read through the remainder of our passage in Titus, and highlight anything that stands out to you, or that you would like to know more about. (we will be looking more in depth at this passage in the future).

**Titus 3:3-8** <sup>3</sup> *For we ourselves were also once foolish, disobedient, deceived, serving various lusts and pleasures, living in malice and envy, hateful and hating one another.*

<sup>4</sup> *But when the kindness and the love of God our Savior toward man appeared,*

<sup>5</sup> *not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit,*

<sup>6</sup> *whom He poured out on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Savior,*

<sup>7</sup> *that having been justified by His grace we should become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.*

<sup>8</sup> *This is a faithful saying, and these things I want you to affirm constantly, that those who have believed in God should be careful to maintain good works. These things are good and profitable to men.*

1. For those in the group who have cell phones or devices, assign them a key word in verse 3 to look up and give the definition to the group. (for instance, “Bob” looks up the word foolish in an online dictionary and shares the best definition he finds . . . etc.)
2. How does this help paint the picture of how darkened we were before trusting Christ?
3. In v. 4 Paul mentions that the love of God “appeared.” There are three other places in Titus where Paul mentions God “appearing.” (1:3, 2:11, 13) Why is this important?
4. Kyle mentioned that just like God appeared to us when we were hateful fools, we are also commanded to “appear” in the lives of others. Have you ever done the godly thing, only to be met with malice or envy? How do these verses encourage you to keep going?

## TAKING IT HOME

- 1 If you have not memorized Titus 3:5-7, 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

