



Titus 1:1-3; 10-16 Paul, a servant of God and an apostle of Jesus Christ, for the sake of the faith of God's elect and their knowledge of the truth, which accords with godliness, **2** in hope of eternal life, which God, who never lies, promised before the ages began **3** and at the proper time manifested in his word through the preaching with which I have been entrusted by the command of God our Savior;

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.

Start Talking. Conversation starter for your group.

- Have you ever had to confront someone about an uncomfortable situation? How did you do it? Describe what it was like.

Start Thinking.

- Read **Titus 1:1-3**. According to these verses, why did Paul feel led to write to Titus?
- Read **Titus 2:11-14**. What is it that brings salvation, right living, and godliness (answer - the grace of God, the Gospel)? Why is this important to remember?
- How does focusing on the Gospel make us godlier? What does this practically look like?
- Read **Titus 1:10-14**. Why is it so important to know the Word and why you believe what you believe?
- In **verse 11**, Paul says that people who are teaching false things in the church need to be silenced. What does this practically look like in today's church? What makes confronting someone so difficult? How can we make sure we confront in love, not in condemnation?
- Read **Titus 1:15-16**. Then read **John 14:15**. Why are works so important, when it comes to Christianity?

Start Sharing.

- What did God save you *from*? What did God save you *for*? Which one do you tend to focus on more and why?
- What do you give glory to? In other words, what is that you talk about, think about, and spend your time and money on?
- Religion v. Relationship - Do you ever get caught falling into the religious trap? Why? What are some practical things you can do to guard ourselves against becoming religious?
- Pastor said that if you love God, you will hate sin. Is there any sin in your life that you don't hate?

Start Doing.

- Is there anything that you need to confess to your LifeGroup? Is there anyone you need to confront in your LifeGroup or in the church? Do it, but do it in love.