

## Renewed

### *Our Mission: Why do we exist?*

#### *Titus 3:3-8*

## TALK IT OVER

#### Passages

3 "3 For we ourselves were once foolish, disobedient, led astray, slaves to various passions and pleasures, passing our days in malice and envy, hated by others and hating one another. 4 But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, 5 he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, 6 whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, 7 so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life. 8 The saying is trustworthy, and I want you to insist on these things, so that those who have believed in God may be careful to devote themselves to good works. These things are excellent and profitable for people." – Titus 3:3-8 (ESV)

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#### **Start Talking: Find an announcement or mission for your group. (15 Min)**

- What are our group's plans for summer?
- What is the next mission we would like to participate in? Please read page 4: Outreach Party Framework.
- As you reflect on last weekend's sermon, what one principle or insight stands out as being particularly helpful, insightful, or difficult to grasp?

#### **Head: Start Thinking about the Text. Ask a question to get your group thinking. (10 Min)**

- In Titus 3:3-8, how are we being renewed?
- How is being renewed by God's love supposed to change you?

#### **Heart: Start Sharing how the Text is shaping our beliefs. Choose a question to create openness. (10 Min)**

- As a church how can we live out the renewal that God gives us daily?
- How does the goodness and loving kindness of God shape your outreach?
- Do you remember your baptism? How does the washing and rebirth of the gift of baptism bring renewal into your life, or even the life of a small child? (look at footnotes in the Concordia self-study bible under Titus 3:5 if someone has one)

#### **Hands: Start living the Text. Commit to believing or obeying the text this week. (10 Min)**

- What questions do you have about the mission mandate? The statement is "In the midst of distraction and misplaced hope, we walk together toward renewed hope and life in Jesus Christ"
- Create an "I will" statement based on today's discussion.

#### **Start Praying. Be bold and pray with power. (15 Min)**

- For suggestions on structuring prayer time, see the *Group Prayer Ideas* page in this packet.

#### **Trios: Split into same-gender groups of three. Pick a question. (15 Min)**

1. Who is one non-believer or someone without a church home that you need to reach out to this week?
2. What kind of conversations are you having with people you are reaching out to?
3. Is there anything God is leading you to repent of?
4. What's a passage of scripture that has impacted you this week? Read it to the group and explain why.
5. What's something you'd like someone else to check in with you about this week?
6. Pray for one another.