

Build Your Life

Why Sound Doctrine?

Titus 1:10-16

TALK IT OVER

Key Scripture

10 For there are many who are insubordinate, empty talkers and deceivers, especially those of the circumcision party.[a] 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,[b] a prophet of their own, said, "Cretans are always liars, evil beasts, lazy gluttons." [c] 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.

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Start Talking: Find a conversation starter for your group. (15 Min)

- In your opinion, is it more important to be right or to keep the peace?
- Is it possible to have both?

Head: Start Thinking. Ask a question to get your group thinking. (10 Min)

- If the preacher from Sunday had to give an abbreviated version of last weekend's message, what two points or ideas would you tell him to include no matter what?
- Read Titus 1:10-16. What can false teachings and corruption do to people?
- What usually causes corruption?
- How are we supposed to handle false teaching and corruption?

Heart: Start Sharing. Choose a question to create openness. (10 Min)

- How is your understanding of the Word of God and how is it governing your beliefs and lifestyle?
- Has your understanding of the Word of God moved from head knowledge to your heart and your passions?
- When it comes to false teachings, are you able to confront or correct others – or do you simply believe that all opinions or ideas are true no matter what?
- Would you say your deepest desire is to be obedient to the Word of God or do you struggle with a desire towards rebellion (1:10)?
- Have you ever been in a situation where the teachings of your church felt off or wrong? What did you do about it?

Hands: Start Doing. Commit to a step and live it out this week. (10 Min)

- What ways are practical for you to "abide in the Word" of God regularly?
- Read 1st Timothy 1:1-11 to complement this weeks study.

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. (15 Min)

1. What's a passage of scripture that has impacted you this week? Read it to the group and explain why.
2. Is there anything God is leading you to repent of?
3. How's your weekly 3-2-1 challenge going? (*3 Conversations with New People, Learn 2 Names, Make 1 Meaningful Connection*)
4. Who is one non-believer that you need to reach out to this week?
5. What's something you'd like someone else to check in with you about this week?
6. Pray for one another.

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