Wisdom for Older People

Seasons Series Discussion Questions

- 1. What is your vision of retirement? In what ways does our culture's view of retirement conflict with our identity in Christ?
- 2. Have you seen detrimental consequences of "retiring" in other's lives? If so, how would you describe what happened?
- 3. Read Titus 2:2-5. What is Paul telling Titus about older people? Does what he says to older men apply to older women, and to older women apply to older men?
- 4. Why does Paul mention the specific issues he mentions in v. 4-5?
- 5. Read Titus 2:11-14. What does Paul mean when he says, "the grace of God... trains us..." to do the things followers of Jesus do? What does training involve?
- 6. Read Titus 2:13. How does that verse describe the "finish line"? How does knowing we live in expectancy of Jesus' return help us develop self-control?
- 7. Why is it that older people ask, "What's wrong with kids these days?" Do you think older people are intimidated by young people? Are young people intimidated by old people? If so, why?
- 8. Why does Paul put the responsibility on older people to serve younger people?
- 9. What steps can older people take to engage in younger people's lives? What could young people do to contribute?
- 10. How does Titus 2 shape what we think about being citizens in God's Kingdom and members of his family?