Series: Inspired by Grace Sunday Message: "Greater Grace Inspires Bigger Hearts"

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Icebreaker:

Have you ever been stingy? Describe it...

Sermon in a Sentence:

It is in the form of a prayer, "As you have been to me, so I will be to others."

General Discussion [Groups of 4]:

Read Titus 2:11-15

- 1. What aspects of the grace of God are mentioned in this passage?
- 2. Paul emphasizes some aspect of "self-control" in the book of Titus often (1:8-10; 2:2, 5-6, 12). Why is self-control important? (Compare with Gal 5:22-23.)
- 3. According to v.14, Jesus gave his life to develop people who are "totally committed to doing good deeds." The Greek word can be translated "zealous or hot" for doing good deeds. How would you describe someone who is zealous to do what is good? What is their heart like?
- 4. What direction did Titus get from Paul (v.15)?

Read Titus 3:1-8, 14

- 5. Why do you think Paul stresses "doing good" (vv. 1, 8, 14)? What about human nature makes such reminders necessary (v. 3)?
- 6. What do verses 4-7 say about the grace of God?
- 7. What kind of teaching is Titus directed to teach?
- 8. How does Paul define a "productive life" in verse 14?

Application Discussion.

- 1. If you feel stingy at times, how would pondering the grace of God help you to be "zealous" for doing good? How can you ponder God's grace more?
- 2. What new ways can you plan to "do good" in your home? Church? City?

Pray: For the person on your right – for the "good" they plan to do above...