

Titus 2:11-15 Discussion Guide

Pray

Apart from God, we can do nothing. Pray for the Holy Spirit to guide your discussion. Throughout your time together, continue asking God for help.

Read Scripture

Read Titus 1 and 2, with special focus on 2:11-15.

Bible Study: The HEAR Method

The bulk of your time will be spent discussing God's Word together. HEAR is an inductive Bible study method that looks closely at what the Bible says to discover what it means so that we can faithfully apply it to our lives.

HEAR stands for:

- **Highlight:** read and observe everything in the passage carefully.
- **Examine:** based on your observations, discover what the passage means in its context.
- **Apply:** determine how the meaning of the passage applies to your life.
- **Respond in prayer:** pray God's Word back to Him.

Remember:

- Walk through the Bible study together using the HEAR method and talk about what stuck out most to you in the passage.
- Make sure you move discussion to the application section of your study.
- Affections, beliefs, and practices: Make sure to apply the passage to all your life.

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- Take time to pray for one another and ask for His grace to apply His Word to our daily lives.

Titus 2:11-15 (ESV)

"For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, ¹²training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, ¹³waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, ¹⁴who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works.

¹⁵Declare these things; exhort and rebuke with all authority. Let no one disregard you."

Open: What are some common examples of motives that the world uses for personal improvement/maturity? Do these motivations work? Why or why not?

Study: Just a reminder that "self-control" refers to prudence, self-restraint, and moderation in the face of sin and worldly passions. It is an evidence of gospel transportation (see Titus 2:12 and Galatians 5:23) in a Believer's life.

- 1) How do verses 11-14 relate the instructions given to various groups within the church in verses 2-10? Why does Paul use the word "For" in verse 11?

- 2) Why does Paul shift from “all people” in verse 11 to “us” in verse 12? How might verses 12-14 help clarify the meaning of “salvation for all people”? (For comparison read 1 Timothy 2:4 and 4:10)
- 3) How does Titus 2:11-14 summarize our past, present, and future as Christians?
- 4) What has “appeared”, and what is significant about that in verse 11? (Try to sum up in one or two words.) What will appear in verse 13? (Try to sum up in one or two words.) What is the significance of both “appearing’s” for the Christian?
- 5) How do God’s grace and glory change:
 - Our view of our future (and therefore our present) (vs. 13)?
 - How we love (vs. 14a; see 1 John 4:19)?
 - How we see ourselves (vs. 14b)?
 - How does grace and glory teach us to say “no” to ungodliness and “yes” to the godly living that verse 12 describes?
- 6) What does Paul say Christians are waiting for (vs. 13)? Is a Christian’s “waiting” passive or active according to Paul? Why?
- 7) How often do you reflect on the sure promise of Jesus’ return? How does “our blessed home” relate to our lives in the present (Titus 2:13-14)?
- 8) The word “redeem” means to liberate or rescue from oppression. What does God redeem His people from? What is the effect or goal of redemption, according to Titus 2:14?
- 9) What is Titus to do with this truth (vs. 15)? What should we want our own church leaders to do with this?

Apply:

- 10) What motivations does this passage give us for living the way God wants?
- 11) What area of your life do you find yourself struggling to say “no” to ungodliness? How does this passage shape your thinking about this area? What hope and power does this motivation give you to experience real transformation that adorns the gospel?
- 12) How can we help one another to keep the two appearing’s clearly in our mind as we seek to live in ways that adorn the gospel?

PRAY:

- Take time thank God for His two appearing’s.
- Take time to thank God that He is coming back again in glory.
- Ask God for help in living a “good life” that is motivated by past grace and future glory.
- Ask God for faith to trust to believe that He is bigger and better than any sin.

NOTE: most questions have come from *The Good Book Guide to Titus* study by Tim Chester.