

Small Group Questions

Titus Week One

Introduction

Are you the type to get your taxes done right away, just in time, or extensions please!?

Discussion

Jason asked the question in the message, “How many of you personally know someone who’s left the Christian community, for a season or entirely?” Share your experience and any insight you can on why they or you left.

What do you love the most about NDC? What thing would you change to fit a preference you may have that NDC is or isn’t doing?

Jason mentioned that the pastoral epistle was more like a short letter to a brand new church young in their faith. Reflecting back to when you were new to church, whether it was today, recently or long ago, what was your biggest assumption or expectation that was wrong or incorrect about God, church, or Christians?

Read Titus 1-4

¹ Paul, a servant of God and an apostle of Jesus Christ to further the faith of God’s elect and their knowledge of the truth that leads to godliness—² in the hope of eternal life, which God, who does not lie, promised before the beginning of time,³ and which now at his appointed season he has brought to light through the preaching entrusted to me by the command of God our Savior,

⁴ To Titus, my true son in our common faith:

Grace and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Savior.

In the first verse of Titus the author, apostle Paul, states, “¹ Paul, a servant of God and an apostle of Jesus Christ...” Jason pointed out that the Greek word for servant, “doulos” actually is the word for “slave”. Hence saying that he is a slave for and to Jesus. He goes on to state his purpose as furthering people’s faith and knowledge of truth. Paul’s life mission and purpose is summarized right in the first verse of Titus.

What’s your mission statement? What gets you out of bed in the morning? It may not be the same as Paul’s, but there is something driving you. What is it? What do you love?

Paul’s letter here moves past this intro statement and into stating the letter’s objective, to define godliness. Jason pointed out that godliness is a balance between belief and behavior, faith and conduct in all aspects of our lives. Where do you find it most challenging to incorporate your faith? Home, work, school, friends, marriage, dating, etc? Where are you strongest?

Share some ideas as a group to how in each category we can move a step or two towards godliness in the workplace, home, school, etc.

Prayer

Lord help us to learn from this week's passage and to grow in our ability to incorporate and balance our faith and conduct.