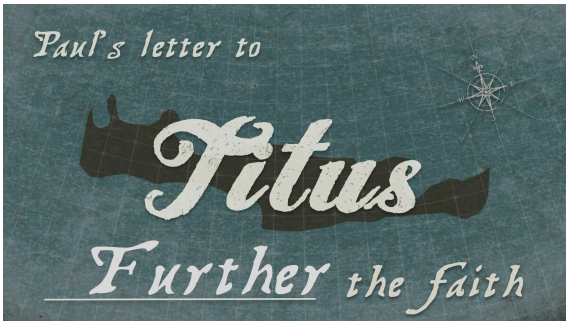
Living Water Church

Diving Deeper: A Gather Group discussion guide or personal devotional guide




# Further the Faith

**Introduction:** Paul encourages Titus to make sure that the believers in Crete are careful to live out the gospel. The life of a Christian is not not only share the love of Jesus to one another, but to also show the love of Jesus to non believers. The way in which we act towards the lost world will have a direct impact in the advancement of the gospel. Our life of faithfulness can help further the faith.

**Text: Titus 3**

**Discussion:**

1. Icebreaker: When have you behaved in a way that did not show the love of Jesus to the lost world? When have you behaved in a way that you did show love to the lost world? Write/Discuss the situations and how your actions impacted the advancement or hinderance of the gospel.
2. Paul states that we are to be submissive to rulers and authorities. We are to respect those in governing positions and obey the law. Write/Discuss how our culture views submitting to authority? Why do you think people have such a hard time submitting to authority? How does respecting leadership advance the gospel?
3. Titus 3:1 also states that we are to be ready for every good work. The Christian should be a blessing to everyone they encounter. We should always be looking for ways to do good for others. Do you look for ways each day to bless others? Write/Discuss ways that you can intentionally look to do good this week. Who can you do good for? etc.
4. Christians are to not talk bad about others. We are not to gossip, slander, overly criticize, and condemn those who are lost. Our speech should be one that is truthful and helpful. What evidence do you see of believers not following this command? What evidence do you see of believers following this command?
5. We are to not be quarrelsome, but to show courtesy toward all people. Our life should reflect the gospel. The way we treat people truly matters. Is there anyone that you are mistreating, talking bad about, or arguing with? How will you make sure that you show courtesy to all people?
6. Titus 3:3-According to this verse, why should we be patient towards non believers? How is the gospel at the center of this attitude?
7. Titus 3:4-7. What would your life be like today if it were not for the grace of God? How can you use that to help you become a more effective witness for the gospel of Jesus Christ?
8. Paul encourages the believers to "devote themselves to good works" in 3:1,8, 14. What do you think of when you hear the word devote? How can one devote themselves to good works? How can you be intentional in doing good for others throughout the week?

**Think About it:**

The gospel is at the heart of the Christian doctrine and the Christian's deeds all throughout the letter to Titus. The gospel is what we are to know, the gospel is what we are to defend, the gospel is what we are to model, and the gospel is what we are to further. We are to show the love of Jesus to our family of faith, and also towards those who do not believe. We are to love all people and show courtesy towards everyone. The way we believe and behave will impact the lost world. The believer must remember that he/she at one time was not a believer. Every Christian, at one point, did not love God or serve Him. We must be patient with the lost and realize that they are where we once were, and share the gospel so that they can be where we now are.

**Moving Forward**

Believers must have compassion for the lost. The gospel must be at the heart and center of all that we believe and all that we practice. It should bring joy to the hearts of believers to be obedient to Jesus and live a life for His glory. We are to advance the gospel with the evidence of a changed life. This week, make it your aim to do at least one good deed for someone else each day this week. Pray that God will use your good works to shed light on the good news of Christ.