

built together

A Study in Titus

Week 3

Growth Group Opener:

In thinking of who you were 5-10 years ago, what do you see as the clearest evidence that God has been at work in your life over that time?

Read Titus 3:1-15

v1-2 describe how believers should relate to the surrounding culture...why do you think Paul places this instruction after the internal formation of ch 2 and not before it?

What might happen if a church or individual believer tried to gain public respect before being spiritually formed?

Why do you think believers need to remember their "before" in v3-7?

How might remembering your own personal "before" change the way you relate to those who don't yet know Jesus?

In v5, Paul makes it clear that we are saved because of God's mercy and not our own righteousness. We are saved by mercy first, and bear fruit second. Why is that order important? What goes wrong when we reverse that order in our minds?

From v.9-11, what is the difference between theological conversations that produce health and arguments that produce nothing? How do we discern which is which?

You can learn a lot about a person by observing what their life is devoted to. If someone were to watch your life for a month, what would they say you are devoted to? How can you devote yourself more to doing what is good this week?

Consider in prayer:

What story does your life tell about who God is and what is important to him?

Is there anything you sense the Holy Spirit inviting you to look at more closely?

Prayer:

Father, thank you for your mercy that saves us. Thank you for Christ's blood that covers us, and for your Holy Spirit who renews us day by day. May we be pliable in your hands, allowing you to shape who we are and what we care about. May we lead others toward you as they see who we are becoming. In the name of Jesus, amen.