
Resources

- Watch or listen to Sunday's sermon: <https://www.abfboone.com/Titus-intro/>
- Find Life Group resources: abfboone.org/groups/resources

1 Timothy 1:12–15

[12] I thank him who has given me strength, Christ Jesus our Lord, because he judged me faithful, appointing me to his service, [13] though formerly I was a blasphemer, persecutor, and insolent opponent. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, [14] and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. [15] The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost.

Sermon Outline

Here is the outline to the book of Titus

- I. Salutation (1:1-4)
- II. Appoint Elders (1:5-9)
- III. Deal with False Teachers (1:10-16)
- IV. Teach Concerning Various Groups in the Churches (2:1-16)
- V. Teach Concerning Believers in the World (3:1-11)
- VI. Conclusion (3:12-15)

Life Group Leader Notes:



Weekly Discussion Guide

We began a new study in the book of Titus this Sunday! What is your experience with the letter to Titus? How has this letter impacted your walk with the Lord? Have you memorized any verses from this letter? What do you hope to gain from this study? Are there any verses that the LG wants to memorize together?

In this week's sermon, Pastor Scott gave an extended (and fascinating) biography of Saul/Paul. What did you learn from this survey? How did this prepare you to understand Titus? There are a few scenes from Paul's life that might be worth discussing.

- Discuss Paul's childhood and upbringing (See Philippians 3). What stuck out from this part of his biography? Why was it important that Paul was a Jew of Jews? How did this prepare Paul to bring the gospel of Jesus to the Roman world?
- Discuss Paul's conversion (See Acts 9). What impacted you about this story? Read 1 Timothy 1:12-15 (it is printed on the page above). Have you ever felt beyond the reach of God's loving grace? How does Paul's biography help you understand God's grace? Why is it important for us to remember God's grace in our lives? Pastor Scott said that nobody is beyond the reach of God's grace (even terrorist groups that persecute Christianity). How did you respond to that? How does this impact the way that you pray for your enemies?
- Discuss Paul's missionary calling (See Acts 13). Paul and Barnabas were set apart to take the gospel to the Gentiles. Aren't you thankful that they responded to God's call. Pastor Scott asked if anyone in our church had felt called to be part of his mission. Perhaps take some time to respond to that.
- Discuss Paul's trials in Lystra (See Acts 14). If this is where Paul met Titus, how do you think this story would have impacted Titus' ministry? Paul was stoned and left for dead, thrown on a refuse pile. How did this story impact you? Paul learned that faithfulness in Christian ministry invited suffering. Is this how you think about faithfulness in Christian ministry?

How did this biography prepare you to study Titus? Do you see where it fits in the New Testament? Do you see how Paul was the perfect person to address church order (as a student of the law, a student of Christ, a faithful missionary and church planter, someone who had suffered greatly)?

Pastor Scott said that one of the main objectives of Titus (and 1 & 2 Timothy) was to help order the church. These letters came late in his ministry and Paul wanted to ensure that the churches were ordered correctly and led by qualified elders. Why is this just as important in the 21st Century as it was in the 1st Century? What would happen to a church that ignored the instructions in the pastoral epistles?

