
Resources

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Titus 1:10-16

[10] For there are many who are insubordinate, empty talkers and deceivers, especially those of the circumcision party.

[11] They must be silenced, since they are upsetting whole families by teaching for shameful gain what they ought not to teach. [12] One of the Cretans, a prophet of their own, said, "Cretans are always liars, evil beasts, lazy gluttons." [13] This testimony is true. Therefore rebuke them sharply, that they may be sound in the faith, [14] not devoting themselves to Jewish myths and the commands of people who turn away from the truth. [15] To the pure, all things are pure, but to the defiled and unbelieving, nothing is pure; but both their minds and their consciences are defiled. [16] They profess to know God, but they deny him by their works. They are detestable, disobedient, unfit for any good work.

Sermon Outline:

1. The Identity of False Teachers
2. The Character of False Teachers
3. The Teaching of False Teachers
4. The Response to False Teachers

Life Group Leader Notes:



Weekly Discussion Guide

- As we continue our study in the book of Titus, we come to another passage against False Teachers. This theme is all over the New Testament. While it would be tempting to skip a passage like this, why is it important that we pay attention to every verse in the Bible? Considering all of the texts against false teachers we have recently studied, what is unique about Titus 1:10-16?
- Paul instructed Titus to appoint elders in every church to *shepherd* the flock. This includes leading, feeding, and protecting. How do you see elders engaging in all of these functions? What would happen to a church if the elders refused to pick up the rod? What temptations exist for 21st Century church leaders to neglect the rod? How can you pray for your leaders to be faithful undershepherds?
- Wolves (false teachers) were everywhere in the New Testament, even on the island of Crete. Do wolves lurk in Boone, NC? Pastor Scott said that wolves have greater access to people in a digital world. How have you seen this? How can you protect yourself and your family from false teachers?
- The false teachers focused on myths and various commands (14). Paul said that they were upsetting entire households (11). How is false teaching a threat to a life group? Is there a tendency to focus on myths and commands in your discussions? How can your life group stay focused on the centrality of the gospel?
- False teaching is prevalent among people who do not know the true gospel. Pastor Scott indicated that modern churches are filled with people who do not understand the true gospel of Jesus Christ. Do the members of your group understand the gospel? Do they know the difference between a righteousness that comes from faith in Jesus and a righteousness that comes by works of the law? How can you tell if someone is walking according to the gospel or according to the flesh? Perhaps you can take a few minutes to focus on this in your group. What are some passages that you could read to help people grasp the gospel message? (Romans 3:21-26... Ephesians 2:1-10... Philippians 3:2-11).
- Our response to false teachers should be to silence them (11) and sharply rebuke them (13). Is this your typical response to false teaching? What other strategies might you be tempted to employ? Do you try to gently reason with false teachers or sift through the bad to hang on to the good? Why is Paul's instruction wise? How can we practically do this in the 21st Century?

