

# WEEK 1

## DISCUSSION GUIDE

THE BOOK OF  
T·I·T·U·S

### THIS WEEK

#### BIG IDEA

Good works don't save us, but they show that we belong to Jesus.

#### BIBLE

Titus 1:1-4; Acts 9:1-11; 2 Corinthians 8:23;  
Galatians 2:2-5

### ABOUT THIS WEEK

Paul wrote this letter to Titus to help churches on the island of Crete live like true followers of Jesus. In a place where people were dishonest and selfish, Paul reminded them—and us—that our actions should match our faith.

#### Before the Video:

- **Welcome everyone to the group:** Let them know that this Summer we are going to be walking through the book of Titus together, verse by verse. We have two goals:
  - *To learn what Titus teaches us about godly living in today's world*
  - *To learn how to read the Bible and grow from it together. (So, encourage everyone to bring a Bible with them every week.)*
- **Ask:** Can you think of a time from your childhood when you acted in a way you knew was wrong? What caused you to do it?
- **Say Something Like:** Following Christ comes naturally to no one. As Christians, we are all on a journey under the guidance of the Holy Spirit who is forming and molding us to look increasingly like our Savior. That said, it can be easy for us to slip back into behaviors that do not represent Christ, which is why we must be intentional about the way we live. That is the message at the heart of the book of Titus.
- **Read Together:** Titus 1:1-4

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- **WATCH THE VIDEO:** Session 1 – Introduction
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### After the Video:

- What's one thing you learned about the book of Titus from the video?
  - Let's learn about the characters in this letter:
    - Paul – Read Acts 9:1-11
      - Who is Paul? What gives him the authority to write a letter like this?
        - *At one time, he actively persecuted the Christian Church, killing believers for their faith. But Christ intervened on the road to Damascus where Paul experienced salvation, changing his life forever. Bearing this in mind helps us to understand Paul's heart in writing to Titus.*
    - Titus – Read 2 Corinthians 8:23 and Galatians 2:2-5
      - What do these passages teach us about Titus?
        - *He had a close relationship with Paul. He is described as Paul's "partner and fellow worker" and is listed as a traveling companion throughout Paul's missionary journeys.*
  - Chip said the island of Crete was full of people who lied, were lazy, and didn't care about doing what was right. How is that similar to things you see in the world around us today?
  - How can the words of Paul to Titus be helpful for us in America in 2025, even if we aren't church leaders like he was?
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### Closing Thoughts:

Doing good things is an important part of following Jesus—not to earn His love, but to show the world that we already have it. The way we live shows what we really believe. But sometimes, we don't realize how much the world around us—like friends, money, social media, or success—can pull our hearts away from Jesus.

That's why we need each other. Being part of a Christian community helps us stay focused on what matters most. As you go through this study, ask yourself: *"Does the way I live match what I say I believe?"* If not, don't be afraid to make a change. Getting closer to Jesus is always worth it—even when it's hard.

- If you haven't already, pass out the Book of Titus bookmarks to every student. Encourage them to put it in their Bibles and remind them to bring their Bibles with them every week of the Summer. If someone in your group doesn't have a Bible, talk to your campus youth pastor about getting them one.