

WEEK 5

DISCUSSION GUIDE

THE BOOK OF
T·I·T·U·S

THIS WEEK

BIG IDEA

God's grace saves us – and changes us

BIBLE

Titus 2:11-15

ABOUT THIS WEEK

Paul reminds us that we didn't earn God's love- it's a gift! But that gift should change the way we live, helping us turn from sin and live with purpose.

Before the Video:

- **Welcome everyone to the group:** Briefly recap what we're talking about
 - Who was here last week? What do we remember about the book of Titus?
 - Last week we talked about people who we see as good examples in our lives. Did you get a chance to spend any time with that person this week?
- **Ask:** Have you ever been given a gift you did not deserve? How did you respond?
- **Say Something Like:** Through faith in Christ, God adopts us as sons and daughters of His household. We receive His grace freely, a gift we could never earn on our own. When we experience God's grace in this way, it fills us with an abiding gratitude toward Him, leading us to walk in obedience to His ways. That's the message Paul wants to communicate in this session.
- **Read Together:** Titus 2:11-15
- Before we watch the video, what stands out to you about this passage? What questions do you have?

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- **WATCH THE VIDEO:** Session 5 – Titus 2:11-15
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After the Video:

- **Say something like:** At this point, we are a little more than halfway through the book of Titus so let's take a moment for a quick review.
 - **Ask:** What is the purpose of Paul's letter to Titus?
 - **Answer:** The believers in Crete weren't living like Jesus so Paul wrote to give Titus instructions on how to correct the situation)
 - **Say something like:** Today we're talking about God's saving grace and how that grace changes our hearts and the way we live.
 - **Re-read the Passage if you need to.**
 - **Ask:** When you look at your own life, if you follow Jesus, how has God's grace transformed you? What were you like before meeting Jesus? What is your heart like now?
 - According to verse 13, what is our motivation for good works?
 - According to verse 14, what did Paul list as the three purposes of our "God and Savior Jesus Christ" during His time on earth?
 - To give Himself for us.
 - To redeem us from all lawlessness.
 - To purify for Himself a people for His own possession who are zealous for good works.
 - As a group, let's talk about what these all mean.
 - Chip talked about "eternal perspective". What does that mean and how does it affect the way we live?
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Closing Thoughts:

If we were on our own, we could never earn our way to God. But because God is full of mercy, He sent Jesus to save us, and it's only by His grace that we're rescued. But God didn't just save us *from* our old way of living—He also saved us *for* a new purpose. Now, we get to be part of His big plan to bring hope to the world. That means wherever you are—at school, at home, with friends—you have a special job from God. Let that truth encourage you to live for Him in everything you do this week.

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.