### THIS WEEK

## **BIG IDEA**

The way we act can help others see Jesus.

# BIBLE

Titus 3:1-2

## ABOUT THIS WEEK

Paul gives us a list of ways Christians should live – kind, respectful, and always ready to do good. When we live this way, we stand our in a good way and point people to Jesus.

### Before the Video:

- Welcome everyone to the group: Briefly recap what we're talking about
  - o Who was here last week? What do we remember about the book of Titus?
  - Last week we talked about the grace of God and how that is what inspires us to live a godly life. How does knowing we're forgiven and loved affect the way we live?
- Ask: Do you know someone with a bad reputation? Did they do something to earn that reputation or is it just rumors?
- How does their story teach us how our actions can affect the way people view us?
- Say Something Like: Our way of life has a significant impact on those around us both inside and outside of the church. Because of that, we must take seriously our responsibility as Christians to live in ways that draw others to the beauty of our Savior, Jesus Christ
- Read Together: Titus 3:1-2
- Before we watch the video, what stands out to you about this passage? What questions do you have?
- WATCH THE VIDEO: Session 5 Titus 2:11-15

#### After the Video:

- Say something like: Chip said that chapter three of Titus can be divided into two sections: How to behave and why we behave that way. Chapter 3 teaches us how our obedience to God can have a bigger impact on the world around us.
- Ask: How would you describe the reputation of Christians in our city/schools? Is it a positive or a negative reputation? Why do you think that is?
- What would it take to change the reputation of Jesus in your city/school?
- What are the six "reminders" Paul lists in verses 1-2?
  - o Be submissive to rulers and authorities.
  - o Be ready for every good work.
  - o Speak evil of no one.
  - Avoid quarreling.
  - o Be gentle.
  - Show perfect courtesy to all
- Which of the six do you feel is the hardest to live out?
- As Christians, how do you think doing these things can help change our culture's view of Jesus?
- Say: Chip noted the phrase "be ready" can also mean, "be eager" about doing whatever is good.
- Ask: When you think about your week, how could you begin to live with eagerness or excitement to do good in your home/school/city, etc.?

## Closing Thoughts:

Paul's words to Titus show us how to treat others in our everyday lives and how to be a positive example in the world around us. He reminds us that being a Christian isn't just about church—it's about showing God's love in everything we do, even in school or in our community. But like Chip said, nobody's perfect. We all mess up sometimes. When that happens, choose to be honest, humble, and real about it. That kind of attitude helps others see how good God is and shows them the freedom we have because we don't have to earn His love.

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.