Grace Group Notes

To be used in your Grace Group this week...

The Message theme this week:

Devoted to What is Good; Paul's Letter to Titus

Titus 1

Week of May 6, 2018

Welcome

Let's get to know each other. You can use this question during your meal together.

1. Who have been some of your favorite teachers, coaches, mentors in your life?

Worship

Let's enter the presence of God together.

Songs led by worship leader or worship resource. Or read Philippians 4:4-7. Take some time to "present your requests to God" together.

Word

Let's interact with God's Word...

Background: *Titus accompanied Paul on his 2nd visit to Jerusalem (Gal 2:1-10). Titus was Paul's trusted friend, sent on difficult assignments. Titus had the job of appointing new leaders (elders) for a new church. The letter to Titus is primarily a reminder for Christians to live so as to make the teaching about God our Savior attractive to all.

Read Titus 1:1-16

- 2. In verses 6-9, why is Paul's list of leadership qualifications focused mostly on "being" (character) and not on "doing" (competencies)?
- 3. How do you interpret "the husband of but one wife" (v. 6)? Does this exclude bachelors or remarried men?
- 4. What was going on in Crete that made the appointment of such elders important (vv. 10-16)? Does any of this go on in the church today? In what way?
- 5. When did you come to a knowledge of the truth of Christ that Paul speaks of in verses 1-2?
- 6. What men or women in your Christian community have you especially respected for their godly leadership? Which qualities from this passage did you appreciate in them?
- 7. Which of these qualities would you like to develop in your own life? How can this group help you?

Witness

Let's focus on who we can reach out to.

8. Is there a family or individual that our group can reach out to this week?

^{*}Intro and questions adapted from The Serendipity Bible, Zondervan Pub.