

Growth Group Lesson
February 25 & 26
Titus 2:11-15

Spend some time praying with your group.

- Praise God for answering your prayer requests during the year.
- Praise God for His Word and that the Holy Spirit will be present as you discuss the passage.

Get to know one another:

- Tell a story when you received help from someone in an unexpected, but impactful way.

Last Week: Paul discusses the conduct of the family of God in relation to one another. Each family member is to strive for godly character and lifestyle, which looks like unity. The unity of the church displays God to the world and leads to missional living.

Read Titus 2:11-15

In this passage, Paul reminds Titus of the hope we have in Christ's redeeming power. Christ's power to save and resurrect is more expansive than only justification; we are led and empowered to grow in our knowledge of him, leading to holy and fruitful lives. Paul tells Titus that Christ will train us to renounce the ways of the world and to live instead as upright and godly people.

1. In verse 11, in what way has the grace of God appeared? **John 1:9-14, Hebrews 1:1-3**
2. What does the grace of God do for us according to these verses?
3. How do you define God's grace in your own words?
 - a. What does the Bible say grace is? **Ephesians 2:1-10, Romans 3:20-26, 5:12-21, 2 Corinthians 12:9**
 - b. What elements of how the Bible talks about grace surprised you or added to your personal definition?
 - c. What has God's grace looked like in your life recently?
4. When Paul writes that Jesus is "bringing salvation for all people," who is included in that? **John 1:12, 3:16-18, Galatians 3:26-29**
5. What does Christ train us to do in verse 12 and how does he help us accomplish it?
Ephesians 4:17-32, John 14:26-27
 - a. Why is this significant for us as followers of Christ to take seriously?
6. What is the blessed hope we are waiting for? **John 6:35-40, 2 Corinthians 5:1-5, John 14:3**
 - a. How should this living with this hope change how we live? **2 Corinthians 5:6-10**
 - b. How does this hope change how we put off the old self and renounce ungodliness and worldly passions?
 - c. How does God's grace help you do that in your life?

Re-read Titus 2:11-15

7. Why did Christ give Himself for us? **Verse 14**

- a. How have you reflected Christ's example of self-giving love lately?
 - b. How have you seen that in others around you recently?
8. What does it mean to be "zealous for good works"?
- a. If you had to rate your "zealousness" on a scale from 1-10 (10 being the highest), what would you say? (This is not an opportunity to shame yourself into doing better, just a measure of self-reflection)
 - b. What would it look like to pursue zealousness for good works this week?
 - c. What would it look like to live out **Ephesians 2:10** and **2 Corinthians 12:9** this week?

Spend some time praying.

- Ask God for a clear picture of what his grace looks like in your life.
- Ask for help in giving grace to one another.
- Ask for help revealing God's grace to people who do not know him.