

Growth Group Lesson

March 11-12

Titus 3:9-15

Spend some time praying with your group. Ask God for unity and love within your group as you discuss today's passage.

Get to know one another:

1. What has been your favorite team or group that you've been a part of in your life? Why?

Last Week: Paul paints a picture of what it looks like to live in and be empowered by God's grace. The Good News of Jesus leads to salvation and right living through the empowerment of the Holy Spirit.

"Remind the people to be subject to rulers and authorities, to be obedient, to be ready to do whatever is good, to slander no one, to be peaceable and considerate, and always to be gentle toward everyone." **Titus 3:1-2**

Read Titus 3:9-11

Through Paul's letter, he has been drawing on the theme of the unity of the household of God. False teachers have been disrupting the unity of the church in Crete, leading brothers and sisters away from Christ, and giving the church a bad reputation in the community so that their mission was hindered.

2. How would you describe what church unity looks like?
 - a. What metaphors does the Bible use to describe the unified church? **1 Corinthians 12:12-30, 1 Peter 2:4-10, Ephesians 5:25-32**
3. Who is the church unified to? **Ephesians 5:25-32, Philippians 2:1-4, Ephesians 4:1-6**
4. What is the effect that a unified church creates? **Colossians 3:12-17, John 17:20-23**
5. What are some things that Paul is pointing out that lead to disruption of the unity of the church? **Verses 9-11, 1 Corinthians 1:10-17, 1 Timothy 3:15**
6. What are some things that lead to church unity from the verses we've read tonight?
 - a. What are some ways that you have practiced these things to grow and maintain church unity?
7. Are there any ways that you have struggled to maintain unity in the church body or in your group? What has that looked like?
 - a. What would you like to do differently?
 - b. How can this group help you do that?

Read Titus 3:12-15

In Paul's final remarks to Titus, he models for us what happens when the church is unified. Brothers and sisters are encouraged, supported spiritually, emotionally, and physically, and are working on mission together.

8. What has this looked like in your life recently?
 - a. How have others encouraged, supported, and led you to be on mission?
 - b. How have you encouraged, supported, and led others to be on mission with you?
9. What has sharing your faith with others been like recently? Share any recent stories.

Spend some time praying with your group.

- Ask God for unity and love within your group,
- that would lead to loving actions toward one another,
- and your neighbors.