

Grace to Do Good Small Group Guide

Warm-up Question: (Choose one, make up your own, or skip this part all together, depending upon the nature of your group.)

1. Describe one good habit you have.
2. What is one of your favorite ways to spend a free afternoon?

Read the following passage: Titus 2:11-14.

Titus was in Crete to help “put in order what was left unfinished” (Titus 1:5). The church needed qualified leadership, clarity around the Gospel, and clear instruction concerning godly behavior. No fewer than seven times Paul emphasized one of the most central components of following Jesus: doing good works. Love what is good (1:8). Teach what is good (2:3). Set an example by doing what is good (2:7). Be eager to do what is good (2:14). Be ready to do whatever is good (3:1). Devote yourself to doing what is good (3:8, 14). Our lives should be characterized by doing good.

Questions for Discussion (Choose several that are relevant for your group):

1. What is the relationship between the grace of God and doing good works? According to Titus 2:11-14, which comes first? Why is it important to keep in mind which of these is prior to the other?
2. Paul writes that the grace of God teaches us to say “No” to ungodliness and worldly passions. What are some things we may need to say “No” to in order to bear fruit for God? What things most often keep you from bearing fruit for God? What are some practical “means of grace” that God has made available to you that can help you say “No” to the fruit-killers in your life?
3. According to Titus 1:10-16 some people in Crete were distorting the Gospel. What are some ways the true Gospel can slip out of focus for you?
4. Read Titus 3:9-11. How do we recognize when someone is having an unhealthy influence in our lives? Are there any influences in your life that need to be cut off for a season? Explain.
5. Describe three ways you would like to do good with your life. Are you already taking action in any of these capacities? Explain. What is a next step you can take?
6. What is one thing you are going to say “No” to this week and one way you are going to do good this week?

Pray