

Living God's Way

September 20, 2020



Optional: Each week during this seven-week series, open your meeting by having one or two group members share their testimony of how God saved them.

Open: What are some things you're eagerly awaiting in this life?

Read & Discuss: Titus 2:11-14

1. If you were discipling someone, what in these verses strikes you as something you would want to make sure they understood?
2. In what sense has "the grace of God appeared" (v. 11)? Why is it appropriate to describe Jesus this way? What are some ways we share in Christ's work of "bringing salvation for all people" (v. 11)? What can help us keep this mission at the forefront of our thoughts?
3. These verses speak of the grace of God "training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions" (v. 12). How does this process occur? What is God's role? What is our role?
4. If we are saved because of "grace" (v. 11), why does growing in godliness matter? Why might living "self-controlled, upright, and godly lives" not be sought after in our society today (v. 12)? What encourages you to pursue such a life knowing not everyone will appreciate your pursuit?
5. What are you looking forward to regarding the appearing of Jesus (v. 13)? How should "waiting for our blessed hope" distinguish our lives from the lives of unbelievers around us? Verse 13 describes Jesus as both our "God" and "Savior." How should these two titles shape our attitude and disposition toward Jesus?
6. How would you explain to someone who believes we should each be free to live however we desire why it is good to be "a people for [God's] own possession" (v. 14)?
7. Verse 14 calls us to be "zealous for good works." Why does God care about whether or not His people are "zealous" for good works? If our zealotness is waning, how might we revive it?

Apply: What can you do this week to eagerly participate in God's training of your character?

Pray: Ask God to show you how you might help someone else grow in this way.

This Week: In order to be prepared to disciple someone, spend some time this week filling in the answers for Chapter 3 (pages 11-14) of *Just for Starters*. Then memorize Titus 2:11-13.

Titus 2:11-14

¹¹ For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, ¹² training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, ¹³ waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ ¹⁴ who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works. (ESV)