

Grace Group Discussion Guide

Blueprint For Spiritual Leadership: Above Reproach

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Titus 1:4–6

Synopsis:

Titus provides a Blueprint for a Healthy Church

Ch.1 Blueprint for the Conduct of Leaders

Ch.2 Blueprint for the Conduct of its Members

Ch.3 Blueprint for Conduct of Members in the World

Three Stamps on Paul's Passport to introduce Titus.

- a. Paul's Apostolic Passport
- b. Paul's Apostolic Purpose
- c. Paul's Apostolic Partner
- d. Paul's Apostolic Plan

Questions:

Warm Up:

1. What is one way that the sermon encouraged, exhorted, challenged, or corrected you?

Discussion:

1. Did it surprise you when Pastor Scott said "Paul trained Titus for almost 20 years?"
How does this shape your view of training men for ministry?
2. Why do you think one of Paul's first commands to Titus in Crete was to appoint Elders?
3. Read verse 12, what kind of things did Titus need to put into order? And what are some examples of the things that Elders in the church need to put into order?
4. Why is it important for a church to make sure that their elders are qualified men who are above reproach?

Application:

1. Consider Grace Church of the Valley, What are some ways in which you have been blessed through a plurality of Elders?
2. How can you play a role in Grace Church of the Valley to help support the ministry of raising up men for pastoral ministry?
3. We read that Elders are to be above reproach, but why is it important for you as a member of Grace church to be above reproach in your own life?
4. Scott called a blameless man a "teflon" man because there is no charge that sticks.
How can we live our lives in a blameless manner?

Prayer Suggestion:

Please Pray for our New Missionaries Andrew and Jenny Rogers.

Andrew has served with Biblical Counseling Ministries Worldwide (BCMWW) since 2013. At that time, Andrew joined the BCMWW team as an associate teacher, helping strengthen churches through teaching in academic programs and BCMWW's Church Leadership Training modules in the Middle East and other locations. Then, in the fall of 2019, Andrew took over as the Executive Director, overseeing the growth of BCMWW and her team and traveling around the world to teach and train elders, pastors, and other church ministry leaders in biblical counseling and discipleship ministry.

Please pray for:

- Prioritizing projects geared at expanding the breadth and depth of their training worldwide.
- Churches worldwide should grow up in Christ through the ministry of the Word in response to their training efforts.
- More people will partner with Andrew and Jenny through prayer, finances, and time.
- For Andrew and Jenny to find a place to live in Walnut Creek, CA.