

Grace Group Discussion Guide

The Importance of Sound Doctrine

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Titus 2:1

Synopsis:

2 truths on the duty and benefit of sound doctrine

1. Sound Doctrine is to be taught by the Elders
2. Sound Doctrine is the believers roadmap to holiness

Questions:

Discussion:

1. Read 2 Timothy 4:3-4. Why does it seem that the American Church has simplified the truth in its teaching today?
2. Why does it seem as though sound doctrine is no longer palatable?
3. Read 1 Tim 6:11, 2 Tim 2:1, 2 Tim 3:9-10. Scott shared how Paul is using an emphatic, “you” to the Elders... Why?
4. Read 1 Tim 4:6, 4:13. What is the sound Doctrine that Titus is to teach?
5. What is Sound doctrine? How do the Elders make sure that the doctrine is sound?
6. What role do church members play in the process of Elders teaching sound doctrine?
7. How can we in our community stand firm on doctrine in all ways of life?
8. What are some temptations that pull us away from hearing sound doctrine?

Prayer Suggestion:

Teen Challenge

For several years now GCV has been involved in teaching God's Word at Teen Challenge in Reedley, CA. Teen Challenge is a Christ-centered restoration program helping men overcome drug and alcohol addiction. Those who come to Teen Challenge live on the campus for a one-year program designed to address their physical, emotional, and spiritual needs as they work to overcome addiction. Teen Challenge is a missional movement that unashamedly follows Christ, embraces servant leadership, and shares transforming grace. We praise God that many of the students who come to Teen Challenge come to saving faith in Christ, and many others enter into ministry after graduation. Several of the students as well as some of the Teen Challenge staff are actively involved in the life of GCV. The Lord is truly at work in the lives of those who come to Teen Challenge. We also praise God that Grace Church of the Valley has been given the opportunity to provide teachers on Sunday nights for the chapel service at Teen Challenge. It is a blessing for each of the men who teach on Sunday nights as they share the Word of God with the students there.

There are several ways that you can pray for this ministry:

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- GCV has a group of men that teach as well as come for support and encouragement to the students during their chapel service each Sunday night. Please pray for teachers as they preach the Word of God on Sunday nights.

- Pray for the staff at Teen Challenge as they lead by example, serve the students, pour into the lives of those who are overcoming addictions, and share the love of Christ.

- Pray for the men who are going through the program at Teen Challenge. Pray that they are surrendered to Christ, and that those who are not saved come to a saving knowledge of the Lord Jesus. Pray for their strength and endurance to continue in the program, even when it is difficult. Pray also for the families of the students who are at Teen Challenge.