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Grace Group Discussion Guide

“The Priority of the Local Church in Missions”
Titus 1:1-16
Michael Seehusen

Questions

Why the Local Church?

1. Read Titus 1:1-9 aloud. Paul left Titus in Crete to “put what remained in order” and appoint elders in every town. What does this teach us about God’s purposes for the local Church? As you read the passage, what words or ideas show that the gospel is meant to produce a particular kind of church and a particular kind of people?

2. Why is establishing healthy local churches so important to advancing the gospel? What does Paul entrust Titus to do, and what does that tell us about the church’s mission and leadership?

3. Verses 5-9 list the qualities of an elder. What do you notice about the kind of people God wants leading his church? What does this reveal about the kind of church he wants?

4. Verses 10-16 describe false teachers as “professing to know God, but they deny Him by their works.” What damage do they do to households and to the church's witness? What does the contrast with the elders show about why a local, accountable community matters?

5. Where would you be personally and spiritually if you did not have the local church?

Why Godliness?

Context: The Master's Fellowship's new 10th commitment, The Promotion of a Healthy Home, reminds us that a man's first and most enduring ministry is to his family. His faithfulness there qualifies or disqualifies him for other leadership (Titus 1:6; 1 Tim 3:1-7). Loving and shepherding a wife and children is a sacred trust that must not be traded for outward service.

6. Titus 1:6 requires an elder to be "above reproach, the husband of one wife, and his children are believers." Why do you think Scripture ties public ministry so closely to home life? What does your home reveal about your walk with Christ? Be specific: where is the gospel visible in your home (patience, forgiveness, leading in prayer and the Word, humility with your wife and children), and where is it missing?

7. How is your sin rippling across your areas of influence? How might your family, church, friendships, or ministry be affected by areas of unrepentant sin? What steps of repentance and restoration do you need to take this week?

8. In what areas of your life do you need to align your “life and message”?

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Gospel Love and Perseverance

9. Read Revelation 2:2-7. How can we guard against faithfully doing ministry while our love for Christ grows cold?
10. Take a few moments to examine your life before the Lord: Where do you need to repent? Where do you need restoration? Where do you need renewed love for Christ?
11. Pray for gospel power to re-ignite your love for the Savior, and for grace to pursue godliness.

Memory Verse:

2 Peter 3:11, 12

Missions Prayer Requests – Seehusen Family

1. Please pray for the Nadi Fellowship, Michael and Jordan's church family, that the Lord would continue to use His Word to save, mature, and convict individuals in their young church plant.
2. Please pray for wisdom for the Seehusens in how to engage in ministry opportunities and what to say yes to and what to lovingly say no to as various needs continue to come their way.
3. Please pray for faithfulness on the mission field to continue to rely on the strength of God alone and His provisions to provide perseverance, patience, and fruit in the ministry in Fiji.
4. Please pray for the Seehusens as a family as they seek to honor God and be an example for Christ in their marriage and parenting. Pray also for their three children Taj (11), Tori (8), and Kai (4), that they would grow up to fear the Lord and cultivate more friendships and fellowship with other children in Fiji.