

# Power House Churches

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## Bible Study Curriculum: Titus (5 Weeks)

### Instructions for Church Leadership team: Introduction (Week 1)

- a. The introduction week is an exciting time when the church gets to preview the book they are about to read and study through together! This week the leader will have several tasks beyond the more common reading/discussion week:
  - i. Hand out the Introduction Worksheet below (provided by the church leaders) and writing utensils.
  - ii. Introduce what book of the Bible the church will be studying (Titus) and play the introduction video:  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PUEYCVXJM3k&ab\\_channel=BibleProject](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PUEYCVXJM3k&ab_channel=BibleProject)
  - iii. Review each question of the worksheet with the entire group.

## Titus Introduction Worksheet

1. What is the cultural context of Crete? What is going on in this city that causes Paul to send Titus here?
2. What is the problem with the current church leaders in Crete?
3. Where is the gospel to prove itself? What does this mean?
4. How are the Cretans to walk as a new humanity? Where is this found in chapter 3?

## Discussion Questions

### Week 2: Titus 1:1-16

This week we will be reading and discussing the first chapter of Paul's letter to Titus.

Remembering the context from last week, Titus, as the mature spiritual son and disciple of Paul, has been left by Paul in Crete to fix major issues in the church there. This is to be done by appointing new godly leaders and by bringing correction to the lifestyle of the Cretan believers. Cretans were known for their godlessness, deceit, and pursuit of immorality. The believers were taking on these same tendencies and Paul wants them to know that this is not acceptable because they have been given grace by God to walk in holiness and godliness and have received the Holy Spirit to sustain this calling in their lives. Chapter one addresses the first issue of concern for Paul, that his spiritual sons and daughters in the faith are being led astray by immoral church leaders who are seeking to both deceive and financially profit from them. He describes what qualities should be seen in the life of godly leaders so that Titus can appoint people who are integrous and capable of reproducing godly fruit.

### Questions:

1. Who was Titus to Paul?
2. What are the qualities that church leaders are to have? Why is this important for the spiritual formation of disciples?
3. Why does Paul want Titus to reprove the Cretans? For what benefit?
4. This task given by Paul is a difficult one for Titus, undoubtedly to be met with strong opposition. How can we prepare ourselves and our disciples for doing hard things like this?

### **Week 3: Titus 2:1-15**

This week we will be studying Titus chapter two. In this chapter Paul continues giving guidance to his spiritual son Titus regarding the necessary lifestyle changes for Cretan believers. Again, as we discussed last week, the Cretans were known for their godlessness, debauchery, and deceit. Paul wants the Cretan believers to know that this is not a lifestyle that reflects the grace of God given to them for righteous and pure living. This chapter addresses godliness in family life, giving instructions for both men and women, young and old, and their bondservants. Paul explains his rationale for godly living at the end of this chapter reminding by Titus that grace has appeared in Jesus and through him salvation and freedom are ours. We are no longer to be enslaved to sinful desires but by God's grace are now to walk in righteousness and holiness, being a purified possession for God's own who are zealous for good deeds.

1. Why does Paul want to correct the lifestyle of Cretan families?
2. What do these commandments to men, women, and slaves say about the spiritual conditions of believers in Crete?
3. How does Paul prepare Titus for communicating with people of various age ranges? How can we apply this to ourselves?
4. In what age are we to live righteously? Why is this significant for us today?

#### **Week 4: Titus 3:1-15**

This week we will be discussing Titus chapter three. In this chapter Paul gives commands for the Cretan church as a whole regarding how they are to live as believers in their community. In this chapter Paul expertly breaks down the gospel message and explains how Jesus has provided freedom from slavery to sin and regenerated us by the Holy Spirit. Because of this gift of regeneration we have become heirs of eternal life with Christ. Paul ends this chapter's instruction with direct instructions about how the church is to deal with factitious (or divisive) people who present "foolish" arguments about the law, genealogies, and other points of contention with Judaizers. He says to reject the one after they have been warned twice. Finally, Paul gives travel instruction to Titus about other disciples he will be sending and encourages Titus to remember to generously support other believers in need.

1. How would these commands in verses one and two help the unbelievers in the community to see God in the lives of the Cretan believers? Why would they look different considering what we know about Crete?
2. How do you see God in this gospel message (vv. 3-7)?
3. Why have we been set free from sin?
4. Why does Paul command Titus to take such measures against a factitious person? How should we react to divisive people?

### **Instructions for Church Leadership team: Wrap-up (Week 5)**

- b. Yay! We have faithfully studied another book as a church! What an accomplishment! The wrap-up week is similar to an introduction week as far as facilitator tasks are concerned. This week the facilitator will have several tasks beyond the more common reading/discussion week:
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  - iii. Review each question of the worksheet with the entire group.

## Titus Wrap-Up Worksheet

1. Why does Paul send Titus to Crete?
2. What are the corrupt church leaders teaching the Cretan believers?
3. How does God's grace affect the Cretan's ability to turn aside from idolatrous and sinful living?
4. What was Paul's missionary strategy for the Cretan church?

Other Notes: