

Sermon Discussion Questions
Carrying Out Our Mission

Titus 2

June 17, 2018

1. Father's Day was Sunday. What did you experience on that day? (i.e., What did you do, what did you think about, what memories did it conjure up in you?)

2. To carry out our mission, we all play a role. Jeremy mentioned what the Senior Pastor's main role is (see your outline). How does Ezra 7:10 and Luke 6:45 help us see how he is to carry that role out.
 - What other roles do pastors play (cf. Ephesians 4:11-12 only place in the Bible where "pastor" is a noun; 1 Peter 5:1-3 is speaking to elders, but does it apply to pastors also?; any other passages you can think of). Look up the word "pastor" in a dictionary or in a tool that has biblical definitions (like in a study Bible or a Strong's Concordance) and see if you can articulate a definition of what a pastor does.

3. How did the 3-part role of the congregation strike you? How do you think we are doing with these three roles? How are you personally doing with living out these three roles? How can we carry out Hebrews 10:23-25 around these three roles?
 - In Titus 2:2, 5, 6, and 12 the word "sensible" was used. It means to take responsibility. Grade Christians today (A, B, C, D, F) — how are they doing at taking responsibility for the role they are to play in carrying out God's mission for the church? Explain.
 - In Titus 2:5 Paul tells the older women to instruct the younger women to be about two things that aren't really in vogue these days: to be "workers at home," and to be "subject to their own husbands." How do you react to these instructions: why are they right and how can they be interpreted in a wrong way (remember the story of the husband and wife that went to a conference)?
 - In Titus 2:8, by how we behave we can put those who are the objectors (opponents) to shame. "Shame" is a mental state of humiliation. That doesn't sound very "Christian." Do you agree or disagree with this statement, "There a difference between "good shame" and "bad shame."?" If you agree, what is the difference? How can our actions humiliate a person in a good way?
 - What other roles do Christians play in the local church (cf. Romans 12:3-13; 1 Corinthians 12:1-26; Ephesians 4:14-16; *really the bulk of the New Testament speaks to how we are to function as followers of Jesus*)?

4. The role of the Lord in our relationship with Him is profound (Titus 2:11-14). Go through those four ways God's grace works in our lives and share testimonies on how you have seen God actively working in your life by His grace.