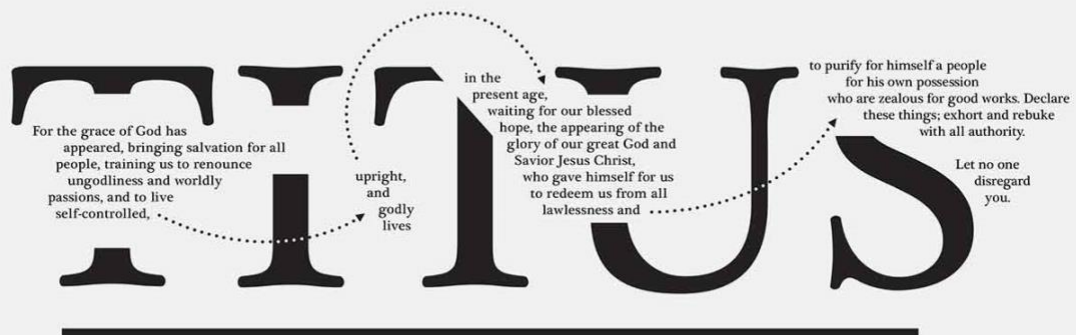




Swartz *FBC* Leader Discussion Guide



SCRIPTURE: Titus 1:1-4

SERIES: Titus

TITLE: Gospel Leadership

CIT: Gospel leadership fosters maturity, clarity, and future leaders.

SUMMARY

Titus has been sent by Paul to Crete, an Island famous for its darkness, dishonesty, and lack of morality. Yet, the church there is bringing the Gospel to the people. There are things Titus is working to correct and guard against. One of the main ways Paul instructs him to combat the false teachings and issues at hand is with strong Gospel leaders. Here in Paul's welcome, we see a distinct theme in His words. He is writing to Titus about leadership in the church and how the church should raise up leaders with their focus fixed on the Gospel for the sake of the people.

TEXT

Titus 1:1-4

Paul, a servant of God and an apostle of Jesus Christ, for the sake of the faith of God's elect and their knowledge of the truth, which accords with godliness,

2 in hope of eternal life, which God, who never lies, promised before the ages began 3 and at the proper time manifested in his word through the preaching with which I have been entrusted by the command of God our Savior;

4 To Titus, my true child in a common faith:

Grace and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Savior.

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1. GOSPEL LEADERSHIP FOSTERS SPIRITUAL MATURITY.

- In what ways are you growing in your spiritual maturity?
 - o What is currently your biggest help and your biggest hindrance?
- What did Paul mean by saying that he was an apostle of Jesus Christ, for the *SAKE* of the faith of God's people?
- What role do we play in the spiritual growth and maturity of others?
 - o What role have others played in your spiritual growth and maturity?
- Who are you currently discipling or helping to grow in their faith?

Application Question: Are you spiritually mature enough to lead others into spiritual maturity?

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2. GOSPEL LEADERSHIP FOSTERS GOSPEL CLARITY.

- Why is Gospel clarity so important?
- Why is preaching (publicly teaching the original meaning of the Biblical text) so important?
- When did the Gospel become clear to you? What brought about that clarity?
- What does it mean that the preaching of the word has been *ENTRUSTED* to Paul?
- How can our lifestyle bring clarity to the Gospel for others?

Application Question: Are you making the Gospel clear or blurry to those around you?

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Grace and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Savior.

3. GOSPEL LEADERSHIP FOSTERS GOSPEL LEADERS.

- What does Paul mean that Titus is his *TRUE CHILD*?
- Why does a *COMMON FAITH* bring unity to people who otherwise wouldn't have much in common?
- What characteristics are necessary for Gospel leaders?
- What are some practical ways in which every single believer is called to a certain level of leadership?

Application Question: Are you helping to develop the next generation of Gospel leaders?