



The Church's Citizenship

Titus 2:15-3:3

INTRODUCTION

Paul continues to flesh out the implications of the gospel. This time giving instructions to the Christian as citizen and neighbor.

INSTRUCTIONS

This guide is meant to facilitate discussion which will lead to a response to God's word. Therefore please use it as tool that best fits the needs of your community group.

OPENING DISCUSSION

- What was your biggest take away from the sermon?
- What is the Christian mission regarding our culture or country?

REVIEW

- Have someone read **Titus 2.15-3:3**
- Why do you think there is a repeated exhortation "to teach" in the book of Titus? What does that tell us about the church? What does that tell us about pastors like Titus? What does that tell us about you?
- What does he mean with the phrase exhort and rebuke "with authority" (**2:15**)?
- How did the government treat Christians in Paul's day? How does this background affect our understanding of Paul's command to "be submissive to rulers and authorities" (**3:1**)?
- Why should the Christian speak evil of no one? What if they are bad people?

APPLICATION

- A How can the Christian be the model citizen?
- re there ways in which you are not submitting to the government? Discuss.
- Are there ways this Community Group could engage the community for good?
- Are your ready for good works or are you too busy? Discuss.
- Are you gentle towards others, especially those with less authority? What does abrasiveness tell us about ourselves?
- How are you living in a humble way? How could you do so increasingly?
- Do you ever do the godly thing, only to be met with malice or envy? How do these verses encourage you to keep going?

PRAYER (divide the group based on gender if desired)

- What action/repentance does God want you to take according to the truths of this text?
- Are there any other prayer needs?