



The Church's Salvation

Titus 3:3-3:5

INTRODUCTION

In one of the longest sentences in the NT, Paul explains the majesty of salvation: showing who is saved, why we are saved and how we are saved.

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?

REVIEW

- Have someone read **Titus 3:3-5**
- Why does Paul want to remind them of what they once were? In what way is it helpful to remember these things?
- In what way were we once "fools?"
- What does he mean enslaved to passion and pleasures? Why is that not a bad thing?
- What would you say to a person who said "v3 does not resemble me?"
- Why would God save people who resemble v3?
- Why do you think Paul emphasizes that we are not saved by works (see v5)?
- Who needs mercy?

APPLICATION

- Which best describes your life before you were saved: foolish, deceived, enslaved, malicious, envious, or hateful?
- Are you still foolish? How do you know?
- Are you humble (trick question). Why is humility important? How can we grow in humility?
- In what ways can your love for others resemble God's love for you? Is there someone in particular that you should love in this way?
- Do you have confidence in your salvation? Why or why not? How does v5 address that issue?
- In what way is God "kind" to you?

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?