

TRUTH THAT TRANSFORMS DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

TITUS 1:1-4

- 1 **Paul often had unfinished projects.** He started many churches, but then was either forced to leave because of persecution or was led by the Holy Spirit to go and start more churches. The book of Titus reflects one of Paul's "unfinished projects"—namely the churches of Crete.

 What can be learned from this relatively lengthy introduction that will flavor the rest of the book?

 Why do you think Paul took the time to include all that he did up front when the book as a whole is so short?

- 2 **Titus was written sometime between AD 63 and 65, when major persecution of believers had begun.** Paul himself had already been imprisoned and had endured a lengthy list of difficulties as a result of preaching the gospel.

 Considering the historical context, what stands out to you or is surprising about Paul's introduction to this letter?

 What do his descriptions of himself, God, and future realities contribute to our understanding of his perspective?

- 3 **Paul stated his two life purposes in his introduction to the book of Titus.** He was a _____ and an _____. What were his goals in those two purposes?

 What would it look like today if someone made it their goal in life to bring others to faith in Christ and a knowledge of the truth?

 How would embracing those two goals practically change your life this coming week? How would it have made a difference in the last 7 days?

- 4 **How specifically have you seen the effects of knowing the truth of the gospel this last week?**

 Share some ideas about how a church can balance its pursuit of seeking the salvation of the lost and seeking the growth in godliness of believers.

