TRUTH THAT TRANSFORMS DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

TITUS 1:1-4



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?

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?

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.

5	There is a line in the opening section of Titus that links our knowledge of the truth with a life of godliness. We learn that a genuine under- standing of the gospel doesn't just bring us to God, it leads us to godly living. In other words, our knowledge of the truth was never meant to be a general religious attitude to life, but rather a transforming understanding that impacts and shapes our whole being.	
	UWhat occurs when you view the gospel in such a way that you minimize requirements for godly living?	See Titus 1:16 and Rom. 6:1-4.
	Now think of the positive side of this issue, how does grace compel us to a life of godliness? See Titus 2::	11-12.
	In your spiritual life, do you tend to most often seek greater knowledge or greater change? Read back over the introduction to Titus. What do you learn about those two things?	
	What is one practical step you could take this week to invite godly transformation?	
6	aul refers to Titus as a son in the faith. What relationships in your life would you describe in a similar way? Spiritual parents in the faith? omeone who has helped further your faith and knowledge of the truth?	
	What were some of their practices in your life? What are some specific ways you grew in godliness as a of entering into deep spiritual relationships with other members of the church?	
		PRAYER REQUESTS
	Take some time to think about discipleship using the a parent/child metaphor. See also Philippians 2:19-22, 3:17, 1 Corinthians 4:14-17, Philemon 10-12.	
1	In two or three sentences, what is the "common faith" shared by Paul, Titus, and us?	
	To those who share this faith, there is a confident expectation (and experience) of eternal life. What passages of the bible provide you the most assurance for the "hope of eternal life?"	