

THE PRACTICES & PROBLEMS OF CHURCH LIFE DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

TITUS 3:9-15

1 What is the most contentious debate you have ever witnessed?

 *When have you seen a debate become divisive among Christians?*

 *How would you determine if a theological debate or dispute was "foolish" rather than necessary? **What are some examples of both that you have encountered along the way?***

 *How do you think internal foolish debates affect Christian witness?*

2 Which are you more comfortable discussing--controversial subjects or the gospel message itself? Which do you spend more time discussing?

 *Do you gravitate towards debate rather than reveling in the goodness and lovingkindness of God?*

 *What are some guardrails for conversation to make sure you major on the majors and avoid foolish disputes in the future?*

3 Discuss the problem of divisiveness in a church. How serious of a problem is it?

 *What are some of the common ways that people are divisive in a church? **Think of both subtle and blatant ways.***

 *According to Titus 3, how should you respond to the first intimations of division?*

 *What is one practical thing you can do to promote and enhance unity in the church?*

