

PREACHING CURRICULUM

Good Works Matter!

Titus 3:1-11

A Christian is one who is saved by God's grace and devoted to the good of others.

1 REVIEW THE SERMON

LEADER NOTES: Encourage your members to pull out their notes and review the main points of the sermon. (9-12 mins)

Read Titus 3:1-3. How is a person's life supposed to be different after they become a Christian? What actions and attitudes are they to embrace, and what are they to avoid?

Read Titus 3:4-8. According to this text, why did God choose to save us? Do we have to be good enough to deserve it?

To what are we to devote ourselves after God has saved us? Why is it important that we do this?

Read Titus 3:9-11. How is the church to treat those who persistently engage in "foolish controversies"?

2 ASSESS YOUR LIFE

LEADER NOTES: Evaluate the condition of your lives in relation to the truth from God's Word. Encourage heart examination. (12-15 mins)

What are the legitimate authorities in your life? How well do you submit to them?

Since God has saved us entirely by His grace, does that mean that good works are optional for the Christian? Why or why not?

What are some modern-day examples of "foolish controversies"? Have you ever been guilty of being involved in or even stirring up controversies of this kind?

3 APPLY THE TRUTH

LEADER NOTES: Create a list of ways to close the gap between your lives and the truth of the Bible. Be practical and intentional. (12-15 mins)

In what ways can you properly submit to the authorities in your life?

What would it look like in practice for you to devote yourself to good works? Give some real-world examples.

How can we avoid getting entangled in destructive and worthless disputes, especially in the church?

4 COMMIT THIS WEEK

LEADER NOTES: Call your small group members to make a commitment and get the group working together to follow-up with each other. (9-12)

How will you engage in good works this week?