

PREACHING CURRICULUM



SERMON TITLE: We are in this Together

SCRIPTURE: 2 Corinthians 8:16-24

Thanks be to God, who put into the heart of Titus the same concern I have for you.

1 REVIEW THE SERMON

Read 2 Corinthians 8:16-24. What are some of the characteristics of an effective minister of the Gospel? What are some of the tasks they carry out?

See verses 16-17. Why is earnestness such an important quality to possess for those who serve in church ministry? What happens when someone lacks this quality? According to Paul, where did Titus get his earnestness to serve?

See verses 19-21. What is the “act of grace” Paul is referring to here? What arrangements did Paul make to ensure that this act was carried out in an honourable and accountable manner? Why was this so important?

See verse 23. What was Paul’s and Titus’s main motivation for engaging in acts of service to the church? Why was this motivation important? What can happen when we serve the church with a different set of motives?

2 ASSESS YOUR LIFE

What ministry are you engaged in within your own circles of influence? It does not need to be in a formal capacity.

What are your main motivations for serving? How do those motives affect the way you conduct yourself in ministry?

Are the qualities discussed in today’s Scripture passage true of you? Why or why not?

3 APPLY THE TRUTH

How do you develop the qualities of earnestness, accountability, and the desire to work for the benefit of others? What if you find that you currently lack these qualities? Where do these character qualities ultimately come from?

How has God gifted you to serve in the church? What opportunities for service are available to you right now? What challenges and obstacles are currently hindering your ability to serve and use your gifts? How might these obstacles be overcome?

4 COMMIT THIS WEEK

What opportunities for service might you take advantage of this week?