



Titus 3:1-11 Remind the people to be subject to rulers and authorities, to be obedient, to be ready to do whatever is good, 2 to slander no one, to be peaceable and considerate, and always to be gentle toward everyone.

3 At one time we too were foolish, disobedient, deceived and enslaved by all kinds of passions and pleasures. We lived in malice and envy, being hated and hating one another. 4 **But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, 5 he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, 6 whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, 7 so that, having been justified by his grace, we**

might become heirs having the hope of eternal life. 8 This is a trustworthy saying. And I want you to stress these things, so that those who have trusted in God may be careful to devote themselves to doing what is good. These things are excellent and profitable for everyone. 9 But avoid foolish controversies and genealogies and arguments and quarrels about the law, because these are unprofitable and useless. 10 Warn a divisive person once, and then warn them a second time. After that, have nothing to do with them. 11 You may be sure that such people are warped and sinful; they are self-condemned.

Icebreaker

Tell about your first memory of a church experience or a “church person.”

Conversation Starters

1. **Read Titus 3:1-11** Paul’s Instructions for how to be the church. Brian’s summary, “Be revolutionary by how you love God and people.”

Pursuit - What we are supposed to do. Be subject, Be obedient, Do good.

Posture- How we are supposed to do it. Slander no one, Be peaceable, Be considerate. Be gentle (humble or meek)

What do you take away from these words from Paul?

2. What are you celebrating right now in our church? Where do you see God at work?
3. How have you experienced tension within the church? Why is tension in the church difficult? How will you learn to live with tension within the church? Where do you encounter resistance? How do you do good in the face of resistance?
4. Do you think there is a competitive spirit between our own campuses or other churches in our community? How do we
5. How can we better encourage and celebrate each other and other churches/Christians in our communities? Are there ways we could better partner and participate in doing good?
6. Describe your personal journey of faith. How does your own personal journey of faith and experience of grace help you show grace to others? How can we better foster and show grace towards others in our midst and others in our community?
7. One of our values is ‘we are better together.’ What do you think that means? What do you think that means as a large church on three campuses? How could you help us live out that value?