

TITUS

truth that transforms

Titus 1:10-16

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1A. What specific characteristics does Paul use to describe the false teachers (v. 10-11)?

1B. How can we discern between genuine spiritual teaching and ‘empty talk and deception’. What safeguards can we put in place?

1C. In what areas of your life might you be susceptible to “empty talk and deception”?

2. Verse 11 mentions that these false teachers were motivated by “dishonest gain.” In what ways have you used “godliness” (appearing religious or moral) as a cover for selfish motives?

3A. Paul quotes a Cretan prophet in verse 12 who calls his own people “liars, evil brutes, lazy gluttons.” What defines American culture?

3B In light of our culture, why is it so important that we stand on the truth of the gospel?

4A. In verse 13, Paul tells Titus to “rebuke them sharply.” What is the goal of this harsh correction?

4B. What’s the difference between correction that builds faith versus criticism that tears down? How can we “rebuke sharply” with love today?

5a. Paul writes in verse 15, “To the pure, everything is pure.” How does our spiritual condition affect how we view the world around us?

5b. What circumstances have clouded your vision? What can you do about it?

6. Verse 16 describes people who “claim to know God, but by their actions deny him.” How do you evaluate whether your own actions align with what you say you believe?