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BIG IDEA

This week was PT III of the sermon series on Titus. So far we've discussed leadership within the church in week one and discipleship in week two. This past Sunday Pastor Bernard talked about transformation and change. Paul's letter to Titus shows us how much he desired for the Cretans to begin a new life absent the stigma of being lazy gluttons, cruel animals and liars. He wanted to point them towards a higher purpose to become a peculiar people devoted to doing good!

Let's take a look at the scripture and learn how we can experience this transformational change in our lives:

Titus 1:1

¹ This letter is from Paul, a slave of God and an apostle of Jesus Christ. I have been sent to proclaim faith to those God has chosen and to teach them to know the truth that shows them how to live godly lives.

Titus 2:11-14 NLT

¹¹ For the grace of God has been revealed, bringing salvation to all people. ¹² And we are instructed to turn from godless living and sinful pleasures. We should live in this evil world with wisdom, righteousness, and devotion to God, ¹³ while we look forward with hope to that wonderful day when the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ, will be revealed. ¹⁴ He gave his life to free us from every kind of sin, to cleanse us, and to make us his very own people, totally committed to doing good deeds.

1 Thessalonians 5:9-11

⁹ For God chose to save us through our Lord Jesus Christ, not to pour out his anger on us. ¹⁰ Christ died for us so that, whether we are dead or alive when he returns, we can live with him forever. ¹¹ So encourage each other and build each other up, just as you are already doing.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. When we forget who we are (as a child of God) and who we belong to, our thoughts and actions turn to sin. As followers of Christ, we are instructed to “turn from godless living and sinful pleasures” what does this mean and how can we apply this to our daily life?
2. We have victory over the daily struggles of trials and temptations because of the hope Christ has given to us on the cross. Titus 2:13 says that “we can look forward with hope to that wonderful day when the glory of the great God our Savior will be revealed”. *What is the hope that will be revealed? How does this verse encourage you?*
3. In Titus 1:10 it says, “For there are many rebellious people who engage in useless talk and deceive others. This is especially true of those who insist on circumcision for salvation.” Jesus + Nothing = Everything. Often times we still struggle with this truth and find ourselves still trying to “earn” God’s favor. Why do you think this struggle happens (for you personally)?
4. What brings true life transformation to a person’s life? What are the fruits of a transformed life?
5. Read 1 Thessalonians 5:11 together and discuss ways to live out this call to action. What are some ways you ‘build up’ brothers and sisters in your connect group and/or church community?

#challengeoftheweek: Does my life show fruits of a transformed heart? If not, what are some things I can/should do/change in my thoughts/actions?