

*Leaders, Good and Bad — Titus 1*

## **Discussion Guide, 23 August 2020**

**Big idea (of Titus):** Effective gospel witness calls for a strategic collective response. *This week: dealing strategically with the leadership level.*

- (1) What's something you may have avoided for a long time, only to discover that once you went through with it, it turned out to be good for you, you enjoyed it, etc.?
  
- (2) Do you have any questions or things you'd like discussed further from Titus ch. 1?
  
- (3) Compare and contrast the 1st cent. patriarchal society's house-church situation with today's situation. What's the same, what's different (in terms of both patriarchal society *and* house church, I mean)? What needs "translation" into today's day and age?
  
- (4) Paul discusses leadership with Titus first thing — installing good leaders and rooting out malignant false leadership (most of ch. 1). How do you think our leadership (elders, deacons, staff) measures up to Titus ch. 1? What do the leaders need to hear and do?
  
- (5) Crete had a reputation in the ancient world for untruth and corruption, but it provided opportunities for the light of the Gospel (from the Church!) to shine all the more brightly. In what ways can we shine more brightly (i.e, be more effective in our Gospel witness) in today's day and age?
  
- (6) From Titus ch. 1, what else (in addition to the questions above) could we do at Lakeview to attain to more effective Gospel witness?