

Actions & Attitudes, Good and Bad — Titus 3

Discussion Guide, 6 September 2020

Big idea (of Titus): Effective gospel witness calls for a strategic collective response. *This week: dealing strategically with life both inside and outside the household of God.*

- (1) Discuss your reactions to the survey results from the beginning of the sermon. What surprised you? What did you find interesting? Troubling? Hopeful? *What did you learn?*

- (2) What did Paul's instructions in 3:1-2 have to do with effective Gospel witness in Paul and Titus' day, and what does it have to do with it today? *Explore the mechanics of effective Gospel witness (or its absence) when it comes to the political engagement of Christians today.* Then ask: How do your own political attitudes and activities line up to Titus 3:1-2?

- (3) "How would you characterize the Gospel?" *How do you think about the Good News? Do kindness and love spring immediately to mind (3:4)?* If not, what does? Discuss.

- (4) Paul tells Titus that if we really got 3:4-7 (the "trustworthy saying"), we'd grow in our devotion to leading the way in doing good works. *How are we doing in "leading the way" as Christians in society (aka, effective Gospel witness with a strategic collective response)? How about as a church?*

- (5) In what ways might the Holy Spirit be prompting you to "recalibrate your allegiance" from our time in Titus these last 3 weeks? *What "recalibration" is God leading you to consider?* What about your Life Group? What about our church?