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HEY! Thanks for downloading this resource! I hope that it is beneficial to you and your students!

The best way to use this resource, but not the *only* way, is in a small group session like a Bible study or a discipleship group. In it, you will find an overview of the book of Titus, an outline with the major points, as well as questions pertaining to the Scripture you read.

[This is totally not necessary, but kind of fun! If you want to play Two-Truths-and-a-Lie before you start the session. Here's how to play:

- Everyone will take turns being the speaker.
- The speaker needs to come up with 2 things in their life that are true (they can be events, birthday presents they got, really boring facts, a family member that did something interesting, etc.)
- They also need to come up with 1 lie (something about them that isn't true and <u>not obvious</u>.)
- The goal is that everyone one else will try to guess which one is the <u>lie</u>. If they get it right, they get a point! If the speaker fools everyone and no one finds the lie, then the speaker gets 3 points.
- The person with the most points at the end wins!

This game fits with the study because after it is over, you can ask students,

- Who had a really hard time coming up with a lie?
- Why was it hard?
- Did anyone feel guilty for having to lie?

Then, you can talk about integrity and what it means to show integrity all the time, and if they felt bad about lying, then their integrity is on point! If they didn't...well... you can make them feel bad about it...lol. (Don't make them feel too bad but it is a good segue into the book of Titus because the main theme is integrity.)]

I recommend reading through the entire book of Titus before diving into the questions. You can read by chapter, follow the outline, and pause after each one to ask some generic questions based on what you read. After you read through it all, you can give the students some time to answer all the

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#### Who was Titus?

We don't really know where Titus came from, however, he first showed up with Paul and Barnabas while they went to Jerusalem (Galatians 2:1). From this, we learn that he was a Gentile (which means he was not a Jew). And we know that he became a really great friend of Paul and a trusted brother in Christ.

Paul sent Titus to the city of Corinth, twice, to encourage the church there. It is very likely that he brought them what we now call the book of 2 Corinthians.

Eventually Paul commissioned Titus to the island of Crete to carry out ministry there.

### What's the point of Titus?

The book of Titus is a letter written by the Apostle Paul. Paul left Titus in Crete to organize and strengthen the church there by appointing qualified leaders and by teaching sound doctrine. The main point of the letter is to emphasize the importance of good leadership, sound teaching, and living a life that reflects the gospel through good deeds and godly character. In this letter, Paul split up each demographic and wrote about how they should live, emphasizing the importance of one's actions matching one's words.

#### **Outline of the Book of Titus**

# Part 1: Chapter 1 – Introduction and Qualifications for Elders

- 1. Greeting (verses 1-4)
- 2. The Reason for Titus's Appointment (verses 5-9)
- 3. Rebuking False Teachers (verses 10-16)

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# Part 2: Chapter 2 – Instructions for Different Groups

- 1. Teach Sound Doctrine (verses 1-2)
- 2. Instructions for Older Men and Women (verses 3-5)
- 3. Instructions for Young Men and Women (verses 6-8)
- 4. Instructions for Slaves (verses 9-10)
- 5. The Grace of God (verses 11-15)

### Part 3: Chapter 3 - Doing What is Good

- 1. Government and Gossip (verses 1-2)
- 2. The Basis of Salvation (verses 3-8)
- 3. Avoiding Foolish Controversies (verses 9-11)
- 4. Final Instructions and Greetings (verses 12-15)

## **Deep Dive**

- 1. What is integrity? How did Titus show integrity?
- 2. What qualities did Paul say were important for church leaders in Titus 1:6-9? What does 'being above reproach' mean?
- 3. What did Titus 2:1-5 say about the roles of older men and women in the church, and how does this affect us?
- 4. How can the advice given to young men in Titus 2:6-8 help you in your daily interactions with people?
- 5. In Titus 2:9-10, Paul gave instructions to slaves. How can the principles of obedience and respect be applied in your relationships with authority figures? Does the Bible support slavery?! [Check out Philemon for more insight on this topic.]
- 6. What does Titus 2:11-14 tell us about the grace of God, and how can this understanding influence your behavior and decisions?
- 7. Titus 3:1-2 advises believers to be submissive to authorities and ready for good works. How can you apply this advice to your parents? At school? In public?

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