

Titus 2- Our Desperate Need for Biblical Community
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OBSERVE & REFLECT

(This section is designed to encourage us to reflect on and observe the scripture and weekend sermon.)

READ Titus 2

- ☀ Read the text at least twice. Try reading the text from two different translations.
- ☀ What do you observe in the text? What jumps out at you and grabs your attention? What questions do you have from the text? Pay attention to any action words or phrases and observe what the implications are.

INVESTIGATE & APPLY

(This section focuses on what the scripture has to say as we dig deeper into the Word. It is oriented to create discussion on the Scripture.)

1. Quickly review Titus 1. What is the context of the book of Titus? Who is writing the letter? Who is Titus, and what is the situation being addressed in this short letter?
2. Titus 2:1 begins with a command. What is it? What do you think that command means and how is it accomplished?
3. Read Titus 2:2-10. What 5 specific groups of people are addressed in these verses?
4. Verse 2 addresses the “older men” in the church. What are the instructions given to this group? What stands out to you in these instructions? What seems to be the role of the older men, and the temptations that this group will face within a church?
5. Verse 3 addresses the “older women” in the church. What are the instructions given to this group? What stands out to you in these instructions? What seems to be the role of the older men, and the temptations that this group will face within a church?
6. Verses 4-5 address the “younger women” in the church. What are the instructions given to this group? What stands out to you in these instructions? What seems to be the role of the older men, and the temptations that this group will face within a church?
7. Verses 6-8 address the “younger men” in the church. What are the instructions given to this group? What stands out to you in these instructions? What seems to be the role of the older men, and the temptations that this group will face within a church?
8. Verses 9-10 addresses the “bondservants” in the church. What are the instructions given to this group? What stands out to you in these instructions? What seems to be the role of the older men, and the temptations that this group will face within a church?
9. Read verses 11-15. What do these verses summarize for us? How is Biblical Community a demonstration of the Gospel?

“The context for discipleship is not simply, or mainly, going to discipleship courses or reading discipleship books, but everyday life within the Christian family.”

-Tim Chester

NEXT STEPS

- ☀ What does this passage teach us about the characteristics and purpose of Biblical Community?
- ☀ Which of those groups would you consider yourself a part of at this point of your life? How do Paul's words challenge and encourage you?
- ☀ Why is diversity within a community important? Why is it important that young and old people do the hard work of maintaining unity with one another?