

Titus 1

Knowledge of the Truth that leads to Godliness

Have you ever been under a false impression that something was going well when in reality there were big problems? (If you're meeting in a group, share your painful memories!)

Why is a corrupt version of Christianity worse than no faith at all?

Read Titus 1:1-4

How does Paul describe...

- Who he is?
- The purpose of his ministry?
- The foundation for the hope of eternal life?
- the means of God revealing the hope of eternal life?

What do we learn from this introduction to the letter...

- about what it means to be a Christian?
- the source of our knowledge of the truth?

Quickly **read through the whole letter** (it's only 3 short chapters!), and as you do, note any connections to the phrase in verse 1: 'knowledge of the truth that leads to godliness.'

How would you describe the main message of this letter?

Why is it important for us to hear and consider today?

Read Titus 1:5-16

- Why does Paul want Titus to appoint elders in every town?

- What are the main responsibilities and qualifications of an elder? How are their responsibilities and qualifications related?

- Why do the 'rebellious people' need to be silenced? What is at stake for the church?
 - what is the basis of their talk? (v10-14)

 - what is the outcome of their religion? (v15-16)

Reflect...

- What do you instinctively value or appreciate in Christian leaders? How does Titus 1 challenge or affirm these instincts? What *should* you be looking for?

- What role do you think you play in promoting and protecting 'truth that leads to godliness' in your church? How could or should that look like?

- How does this chapter challenge your own approach to life as a Christian?