

Titus 2

Let the Gospel shine

Why is important for Christians to live godly lives? What would be your 20 second answer to someone who asked that question?

Read Titus 2:1

How does this command to Titus relate to the ideas and message of Titus 1?

Read Titus 2:2-10

What common themes do you notice?

Are there any words or phrases that you're not sure about? Or why Paul is encouraging them? Discuss together...

Why are these kinds of behaviours 'fitting with sound doctrine'?

* Would you describe yourself as 'self-controlled'? Why / why not?

Where can and should you be exercising more self-control? What would that look like?

What reason does Paul give for these behaviours in v5, 8 and 10?

* Do you think Christians today generally help or hinder the cause of the gospel with their lives? Why?

* What would you say to a Christian who says, "I know I'm not a very good Christian, that's why I don't tell people I am a Christian - I don't want to be the reason people reject the gospel!"

Read Titus 2:11-14

What is the ultimate reason Paul gives here for Christians to live godly lives?

What does God's grace do in our lives? (11-13)

Why did Jesus die for us? (v14)

* How do these statements challenge or affirm how you normally think about the gospel?

* As you consider the week ahead of you, what might it look like to embrace God's plan for to be pure, self-controlled and godly - eager to do what is good?