

DISCUSSION GUIDE



Prayer

- Church-wide prayer emphasis, pray, “For God to use the Pastoral Epistles to help us grow into a healthier church.”

Introduction

- A correct understanding of the good news leads to a changed way of living. Today, we are talking about the amazing results of a gospel-influenced life.
- Picture a ripple in water. *What do you sense God is doing in the inner ripple of your life, the middle ripple of your church, and the outer ripple of our world?*

Read Titus 2:11-15

- *How would you explain grace to a child at River Oak?*
- *If salvation is for all people, why are all people not saved in the end?*
- *What are common worldly passions? What would it look like to renounce them?*
- *What has helped you in the fight for self-control?*
- *How does the second coming of Christ relate to self-control?*
- *How would you live differently if you knew he was returning soon?*
- *If he were to appear now, would you be ready?*
- We often talk about our salvation with the language of sacrifice. *How does the language of “redemption and possession” – financial language – round out our understanding of salvation?*
- Picture a sliding scale. One side is “Apathetic about good works.” The other side is zealous for good works. *Where are you on the scale?*
- *What unique good works do you feel called to do?*
- *Who in your life can you declare the good news to?*
- *Does anyone disregard or look down on your ability to represent God? What would it look like to have greater confidence in your ability to be God’s ambassador?*

Gospel Training

- Have someone in your group volunteer to try to explain the gospel. As a group, offer feedback.

“One-Another Ing”

- Each discussion guide this year will feature one of the scriptures’ “one another” statements. These instructions guide us on how to love one another.
- *Be kind to one another (Ephesians 4:32)*