



Week 7

Sermon Series: Surrendered: Hosea, Titus, Philemon, Jonah

Sermon Title: Put Life in Order with Integrity

Sermon Text: Titus 1:1-9

Study Handout Week of: October 7, 2018

Group Week of: October 14, 2018

Sermon Date: October 21, 2018

DOCTRINE: The Church- We believe a local church is a congregation of baptized believers, associated by covenant of faith and fellowship of the gospel; observing the ordinances of Christ; governed by His laws; and exercising the gifts, rights and privileges invested in them by His Word without regard to race, gender, culture or socioeconomic status. We believe its government is vested in the body of believers who compose it, and that its leaders are pastors, elders, deacons, and deaconesses whose qualifications and duties are clearly defined in the Scriptures. We believe the true mission of the church is the faithful witnessing of Christ to all nations. Missionary efforts on the part of all believers rest upon the spiritual necessity of the lost for a regenerated life. We hold that the local church has the absolute right of self-government, and that the one and only Lord of the church is Christ through the Holy Spirit; and that it is scriptural for churches to cooperate with each other in contending for the faith and spreading the gospel. We believe on all matters of membership, policy, government, discipline and benevolence, the will of the local church is final, and is subject to the control of no other ecclesiastical or political body. Psalms 67:1-2; Matthew 28:18-20; Acts 1:8; 2:41-42; 1 Timothy 3:1-13. (West Side Church, Articles of Faith)

ATTRIBUTE OF GOD/JESUS: Order – God is a God of order. “For God is not a God of disorder but of peace.” (1 Corinthians 14:33a) Genesis 1:1-2:3; Matthew 14:19; Mark 6:39-43; Luke 9:14-17; John 6:10-13; Titus 1:4-5.

DAY 1 Read Titus 1:1-9

1. What is Paul’s aim in writing this letter to Titus? Are there verses that stand out to you or about which you might have questions?

DAY 2 Read Titus 1:1-4; 2 Peter 1:3; 3:11. (Galatians 2:3: Titus was a convert from Paul’s ministry.)

1. What is the goal of Paul as an apostle of Jesus Christ?
2. How do the words “faith,” “truth,” and “godliness” correlate?
3. What does the phrase “promised before the beginning of time” tell you about the promise and about Christ?
4. With what has Paul been entrusted? What does that tell you about the responsibility God has given you as a servant of God?

DAY 3 Read Titus 1:4-9; 1 Timothy 3:2-7

1. List the qualifications an elder should possess.
2. What is Paul's concern when he says, "...hold firmly to the message as it has been taught, so that he can encourage others by sound doctrine..."
3. Paul probably does not intend that either list in the above 2 passages be complete, so what is he saying about the character of church leaders?
4. How does this list challenge you to pray for your church leaders?

DAY 4 Read Titus 1:4-9 The church at Crete faced opposition from false teachers, which prompts Paul's letter.

1. Why did Paul have Titus stay in Crete?
2. Why was it important these men chosen be of such strong character, surrendered to God?
3. Has there been a time in your life when you faced false teaching? How did you respond?

DAY 5 Read: Titus 1:1-9

1. After reading these verses, how would you say a church should conduct itself?
2. How do sound doctrine and sound behavior contribute to godliness?
3. Is it possible to contend for sound principles in living and at the same time have no interest in the foundational doctrines of the faith? How might that happen?
4. Would you say there is biblical poverty in today's culture? In the church? Explain your answer.
5. How are you furthering your faith and your knowledge of the truth that it might lead to godliness displayed in your life? Have you made a daily commitment to God in this regard?