



**Week 8**

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

**Sermon Title: The Lure of Corruption**

**Sermon Text: Titus 1:10-16**

**Study Handout Week of: October 14, 2018**

**Group Week of: October 21, 2018**

**Sermon Date: October 28, 2018**

**DOCTRINE:** The Scripture - “We believe the sixty-six books of the Holy Bible are verbally inspired and the product of Spirit-controlled men. This Holy Bible is inerrant as originally written, and the complete revelation of God’s perfect will, the ultimate truth for salvation, the only infallible guide of faith and practice, and the final authority in all matters to which it speaks.” (West Side Church Articles of Faith) 2 Timothy 3:16-17; 2 Peter 1:19-21

**ATTRIBUTE OF GOD/JESUS:** Holiness - Within the box or chest that was the Ark itself, were the stone tablets of the law that had been given to Moses on Mt. Sinai. The Ark was the repository of the written expression of the moral character of God. It was a constant reminder that God was holy—a morally excellent, perfect being, totally other than man, with purity of being in every aspect— and that breaking His law was an affront to His nature and a rebellion against His rightful rule. (Leviticus 19:2; Job 34:10; Isaiah 47:4 and Isaiah 57:15.) (James Montgomery Boice and Precept Upon Precept.)

**DAY 1 Read:** Titus 1:10-11

1. List facts Paul gives about the false teachers in the church on the Island of Crete.
2. What additional facts are in verse 11?
3. What are the warnings for us today and why is the doctrine, “The Scripture,” so important?

**DAY 2 Read:** Titus 1:10-12; John 8:42-45

1. How does Paul continue his indictment of these false teachers?
2. Why would quoting one of their own prophets have been effective in validating Paul’s indictment?
3. How did Jesus respond to the unbelieving Jews in John 8?

**DAY 3 Read:** Hosea 2:5-8; Luke 15:11-31

1. Paul states God's word is trustworthy; it is sound doctrine. What do the following verses reveal about God's word?
  - a. 2 Samuel 22:31
  - b. Psalm 119:11
  - c. Psalm 119:105
  - d. Proverbs 30:5-6
2. How do these verses challenge and encourage you?
3. Why was knowing sound doctrine important to Paul? Why should it be important to Christians today?

**DAY 4 Read** Titus 1:13-16; 2 Corinthians 11:13-15

1. What further information was given to Titus in handling the false teachers?
2. What do the verses in 2 Corinthians tell us about these individuals?
3. How do you respond to false teachers today who mishandle God's Word? Do you state the truth or do you remain quiet?

**DAY 5 Read:** Titus 1:10-16

1. How does a person's mind and conscience become corrupted?
2. How much time do you spend in prayer and Bible Study daily? What is the result of this decision? Are you becoming more sensitive to false teaching or are you indifferent, believing everyone has a right to believe what they choose?
3. Share insights you have received this week regarding the importance of knowing and confronting false teaching in the church.