



Community Group Study: Between Grace and Glory

Titus - Part 8 | Titus 2:15-3:2 | week of October 29

GETTING STARTED

- Describe a situation in which you've had to decide whether to obey God or some other authority in your life. What did you choose to do, and why?

Read Titus 2:15-3:2.

DISCUSS & APPLY

- Titus 2:15 exhorts some **bold** behaviors for Christians to follow, and 3:1-2 exhorts some very *meek* behaviors for Christians to follow. How does the Gospel help us to make sense of this apparent contradiction?
- (2:15) Share with the group a time when someone **exhorted/encouraged** you in a significant way. What made it encouraging? What made it especially memorable? - **OR** - Share with the group a time when someone **rebuked** you in a way that made helped you respond favorably. What was it that helped you receive the rebuke well?
- (3:1) Paul's command to Titus has the sense of "keep on **reminding**" them..." Why are repeated reminders necessary? Why are repeated reminders beneficial? Why do you think the people of God, the citizens of heaven, need to be reminded regularly to submit to earthly authorities?
- How is submission to our "rulers and authorities" fruitful for Gospel ministry?

- (3:1) Name one way in which either you or a Christian you know has gone above-and-beyond (**to be ready for every good work**) mere obedience to human law.
- According to Scripture, is there ever a condition in which a Christian ought not submit to his/her earthly authorities? How do you know?
- What is one way in which you struggle to submit to the Kingship of Jesus Christ?
- (3:2) Have you spoken evil of an earthly authority in the past week? What made that justifiable in the moment?
- (3:2) Have you wrangled with anyone about government policies, procedures, or personalities this past week? Why are these behaviors unbecoming to one who seeks to live out the Gospel?
- (3:2) How do being **gentle** and being **courteous** (lit., “meek”) flow naturally out of a Gospel-driven heart?

NEXT STEPS

- Pray for your “rulers and authorities” this week. There is reason to hope that, through doing this, God will ease the burden of submitting to your leaders in your heart.
- Consider 2-3 ways in which you are currently refusing to recognize the Kingship of Jesus Christ, bring them to God in prayer, asking for his help in replacing yourself on the throne of your heart with Christ.