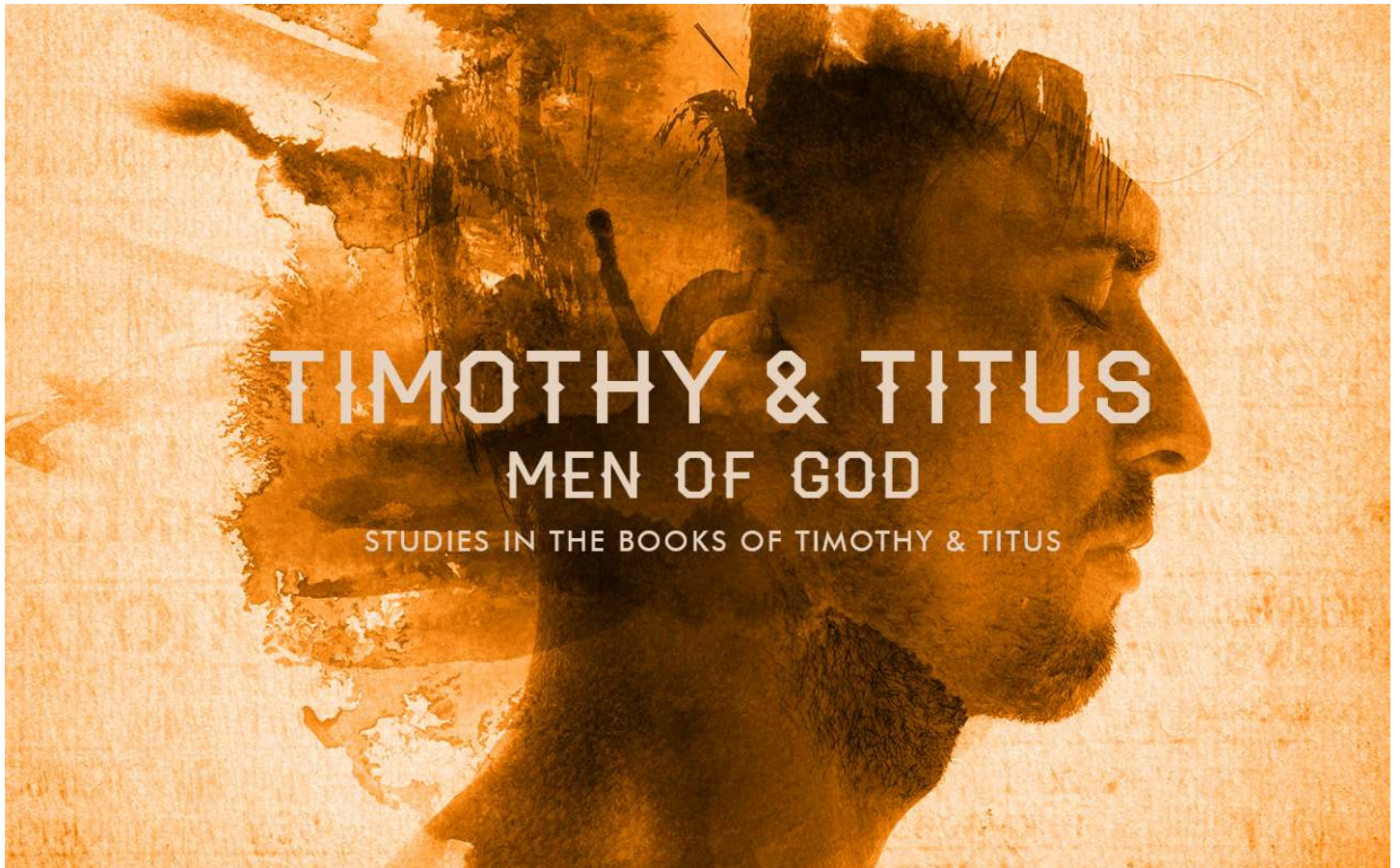


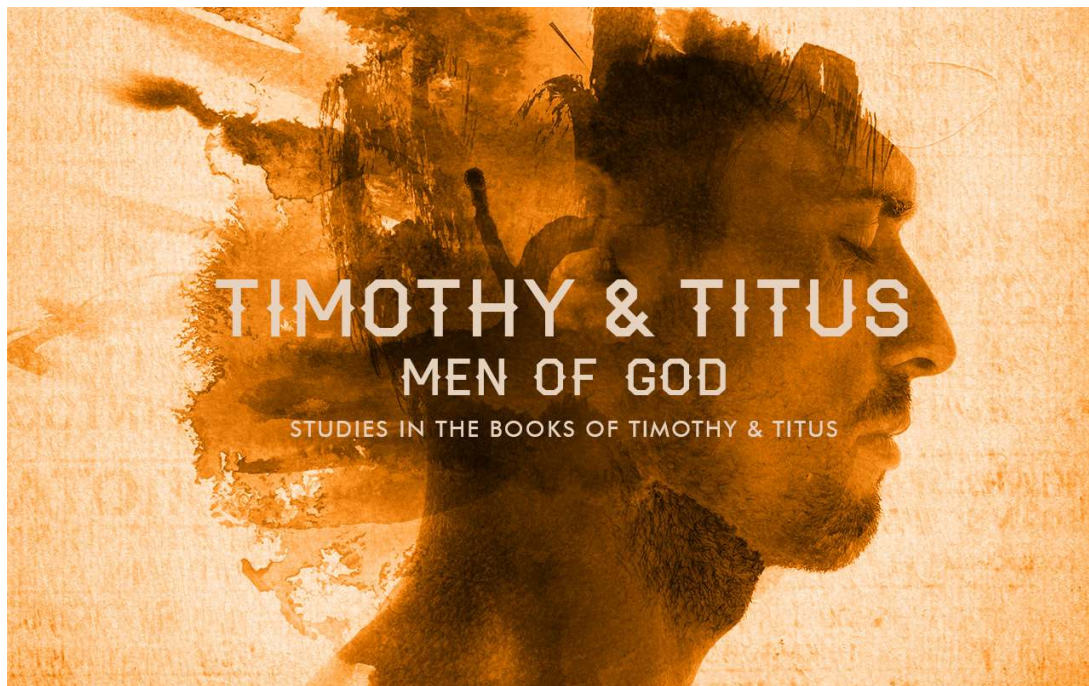
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[Biloela & Jambin]



growth groups booklet term 2 2015

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The books of 1 Timothy and Titus give us a detailed instruction manual of the Apostle Paul's instructions to two of his disciples Timothy and Titus. Not only do they provide us with a detailed account of the role and choosing of Elders within the churches in Ephesus and on the island of Crete, these books are also a great guide for elders in our churches even today.

These letters (also known as Pastoral Epistles) also show us that God is still very involved with his church today, and has a great concern for the spiritual wellbeing and protection of his people. The apostle Paul instructs on how to govern the church well, and how to protect the church from external and internal threats.

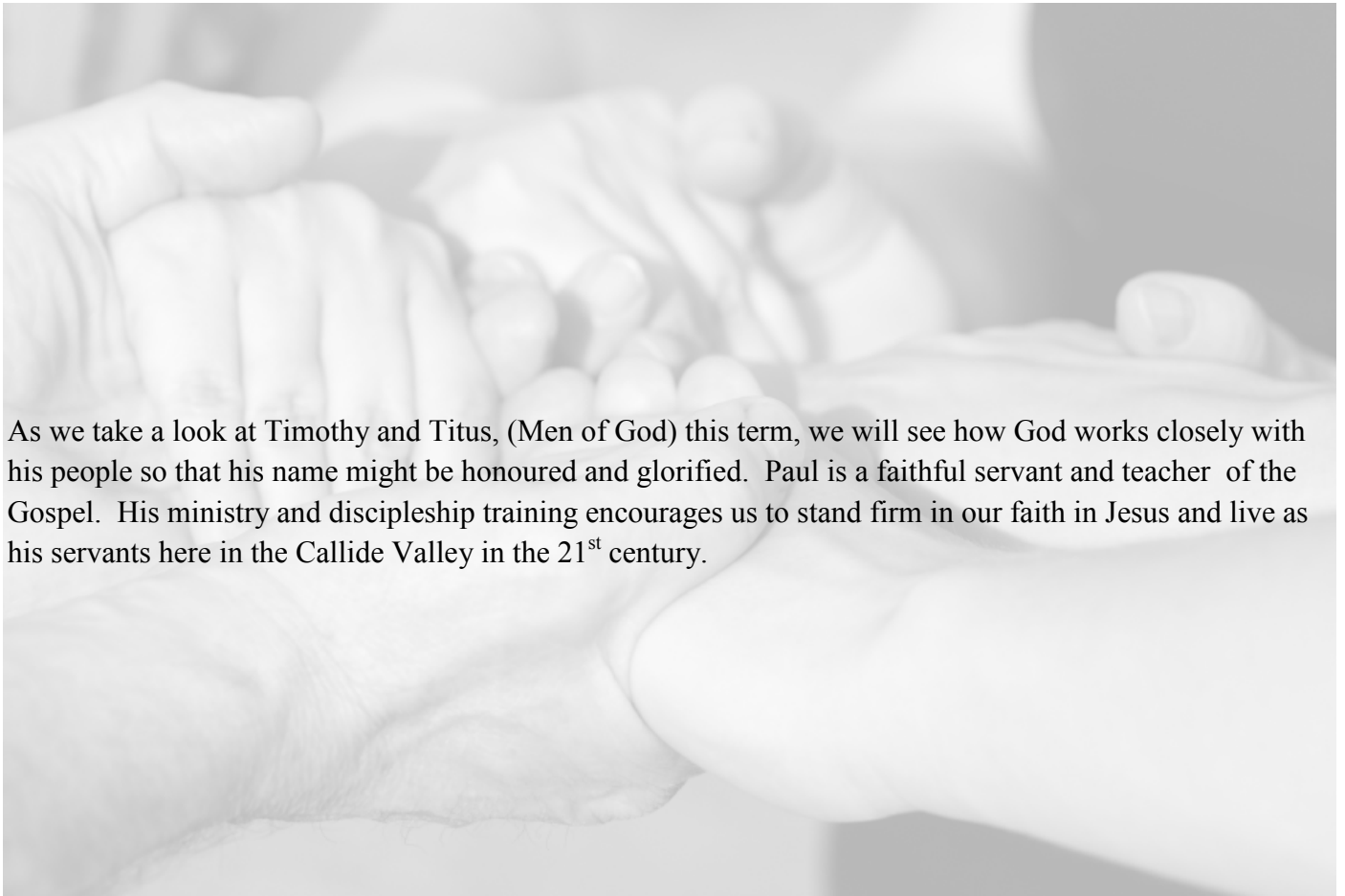
These books will be great to study as we look at calling new elders into the Callide Valley session this term. In Paul's second letter to Timothy he reminds us:

^{NIV} 2 Timothy 3:16-17 All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness,¹⁷ so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

In term 2, we are going to see how Paul discipled both these men as leaders among God's people. We'll also see how his example of discipleship can encourage us in our own faith.

I'm looking forward to studying 1 Timothy and Titus and I hope you are too!

Andrew.



As we take a look at Timothy and Titus, (Men of God) this term, we will see how God works closely with his people so that his name might be honoured and glorified. Paul is a faithful servant and teacher of the Gospel. His ministry and discipleship training encourages us to stand firm in our faith in Jesus and live as his servants here in the Callide Valley in the 21st century.

...about this study booklet...

- the studies in this booklet link into the sermon series at church (the dates of the talks are listed on the front cover), with each study following the talk by the same title. This approach enables group time to be spent digging deeper into the Bible text and to discuss issues or questions raised by the talk. Importantly, it also enables your group to have a strong focus upon application, sharing, accountability and prayer. Our groups are not just about information but transformation.
- we aim to provide a copy of this study booklet to every regular attender at church whether you've been with us for only a few weeks or for many years. We would love everyone to be involved in one of our Growth Groups and do the studies in that context. You can read more about the groups and find out how to get involved in one in the coming weeks at church.
- If you are presently unable to be part of one of our Growth Groups we hope you will still be able to set aside time to work through the weekly studies. And we would also like to link you to a Growth Group as a point of contact in times of need. The group can also pray for you and look out for you. In a growing church having all our regular attenders in a Growth Group, or at least linked to one in this way, is a key way we can care for everyone involved.
- You will notice as you look through the opening pages that there is a lot more to this booklet than the studies alone. It is also a key way, each term, you can find out more about what is happening across our various church ministries. This helps us all not only stay informed but also able to pray meaningfully for the ministries and life of our church family. Some of the prayer points in each study will refer you back to the various ministry articles for that reason.

“For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men. ¹² It teaches us to say "No" to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age, ¹³ while we wait for the blessed hope--the glorious appearing of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ, ¹⁴ who gave himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness and to purify for himself a people that are his very own, eager to do what is good.” (Titus 2:11-14 NIV)

It takes about forty minutes to read through 1Timothy & Titus. Doing that would be a great exercise in preparation for our series **“Timothy & Titus - Men of God”**. Here are some questions to think about as you read...

1. What are the key themes through these chapters?
2. What does these books reveal about the character of God?
3. What are some of the key words and ideas that come up in 1Timothy & Titus? How do these compare with what you know of other New Testament books?
4. How would you summarise 1Timothy & Titus in a sentence or two?
5. What challenges/encouragements do 1Timothy & Titus offer us living as Christians today?


young adults

If you're between 17 and 35 and want to spend time with other young Christians in Biloela come and check out a ministry called **Cross Connect**. We'll be meeting every Sunday evening of term 2, and opening the bible with other young Christians from around the Callide Valley.

This term we will be meeting at the house of Pastor John Spranklin (beside the Baptist Church), from 7pm each Sunday night. If you are a young adult looking for Christian fellowship, then this is for you! Please be sure to let us know if you need a lift to and from 'Cross Connect' and we will try and sort out some transport arrangements for you.

We hope you can join us for another encouraging term as we study Galatians together. Over the course of term 2 we will seek to develop a better understanding of this book and what it teaches us about the Christian life. This will help us to understand more about the plans God has for each one of us, and see how he calls us to live as His people.

Andrew.

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**CROSS
CONNECT**

An inter-church group connecting Christian young adults from across Biloela

Bible study
Sunday nights 7-9pm
Baptist Church house, Biloela
TERM 2: Galatians

Kick Off 7pm Sunday
26th April, 2015.

John Spranklin - 0427 873 915 Andrew Purcell - 0439 510 500

getting more out of your studies

- **READ** the relevant passage before the Sunday talk (and look through the investigate questions). Wrestling with God's Word for yourself before hearing the talk will help you to get much more out of it.
- **PREPARE** the study questions before your Growth Group meeting. You'll be in a better position to serve others in your group through thoughtful contributions. If everyone in the group prepares in this way, it will be easier to dig deeper, and to devote more time to application and prayer.
- **PRAY** for those teaching the Word; for those leading groups; for other members of your group; and for yourself—that your attitude will be focused on serving others, and growing in knowledge and love of Jesus our Lord.



kick off
this question just gets us talking about the broad subject of the study before we see what God's word says about it.



key verse
it's helpful to find one verse that sums up the whole passage we're looking at. Try memorising some of these verses through the term.



big idea
gives a 'ballpark' sense of the focus of the study—to keep us on track. It's great to get into the detail, but we also want to pull it all together.



investigate
draws out what the Bible text is actually saying. Stay looking at the Bible as you answer them, and refer to verses in your answer.



digging deeper
gives you the chance to chase up the big idea in other parts of the Bible, especially if your group prepares ahead and covers the main set passage faster.



think & apply
is where the rubber hits the road: applying it to our lives. Doing studies linked to the Sunday talks allows more time to be devoted to this vital step.



training
is an opportunity to re-inforce what we have learnt in the study through various practical exercises. Don't be afraid to have some fun and give it a go.



prayer
is a key part of how we respond to listening to God in his word together—by talking to him together. It's a key part of our ministry to each other.



church events
reminds us that we're part of a church family, and that there are many other opportunities to meet together and spur one another on in following Jesus.



family discussion
provides a question for a family to discuss together—and an opportunity to share with our children what we are learning—ideal for Monday morning breakfast.



reading ahead
gives you a reminder of what's coming up next week. You'll serve your group well by preparing for the study. For study 1 read 1 Timothy chapter 1.

your growth group

your Growth Group is a place where you get to:

- connect significantly with a regular group of friends
- grow in Christian faith and love; and
- serve one another in word and action

... of course, the key ingredient in all that happening... is being there! But that's only the first step. A helpful small group member is one who:

- prepares the study beforehand;
- shares their answers as well as their life; and
- listens thoughtfully and actively to what others have to say

How about committing yourself to the other members of your group by being there each week and doing these three crucial things?

your leaders

your small group leaders are appointed each year by the Session. They are carefully chosen to lead Growth Groups, because first and foremost, they care about your progress as a growing follower of Jesus. We're also confident that they care about working hard at understanding and applying God's word to their own lives. They take part in Leaders Meetings throughout the year, previewing the studies, being equipped for their role, and giving feedback on how each group is travelling. Leaders will also seek pastoral input from our Session when they feel they need advice in how to best care for group members in particular situations. Please value and care for your leaders as they care for you!

Keep these words in mind from Hebrews 13:17...

Remember your leaders, who spoke the word of God to you. Consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith... Obey your leaders and submit to their authority. They keep watch over you as men who must give an account. Obey them so that their work will be a joy, not a burden, for that would be of no advantage to you.

We encourage everyone from Callide Valley to consider joining a Growth Group. If you would like to find out more please contact Andrew Purcell on 0439 510 500 or Ian Wilkie on 0407 156 543.

Our Elders

Our Elders meet on the fourth Tuesday of each month. They are responsible for the spiritual health and wellbeing of our congregations here in the Callide Valley.

Our Elders are:

Ivan Shepherdson (07) 4992 3342

Ian Wilkie (07) 4992 5559

Phillip Wilkie (07) 4992 1716

John Semgreen (07) 4996 5215

Ivan is also our Session Clerk.

It is our plan to have one of our elders be in regular contact with you through the course of the year to support you and your family in your Christian walk.

Our Minister

2015 will be the third year of ministry in the Callide Valley for our minister Andrew Purcell. Andrew completed his studies in 2012 at the Queensland Theological College (QTC). Andrew is married to Kerri and has four children—John, Mark, Timothy and Claire.



committee of management

The Committee of Management (CoM) is a ministry that consists of a team of dedicated members of the congregation who manage the daily operations of the Church. The primary function of the CoM is to manage, in a responsible manner, the financial and property aspects of the church. This includes preparing annual budgets and financial statements of the church and managing the ongoing maintenance of the church building and grounds including the Pelican Point campsite. Our team for 2015 was elected at our Annual Congregational Meeting held on Sunday 1st March 2014.

Our Committee for 2015 is made up of...

Gavin Warmington (Secretary)

Ivan Shepherdson

John Semgreen

Michael Witham

Greg Holzhauser

Alex Mathieson

Bill Setch

Karen Hutton

Graeme Briese

Daniel Boal

Jason Dunne

Andrew Purcell

The Committee really does need the support of the congregation throughout the year to perform its duties well. We believe that the congregation can really support one another by having a giving heart, with both time and money, to see us work to our potential.

We all have a role to play, we are a team and a family. Whether you are the Minister, member of the session, member of the management committee, music team, or congregation member, we all have a role that we can play.

Our church has an immense capacity, but it also needs the finances and willing workers to support it. Do you want to be part of that?



my giving @ Callide Valley?

We all know the theory: that we should give money to support God's work in our local church, and further afield. This issue arises over and over again through Mark's gospel, with Jesus' challenge to "deny ourselves" and to "take up or cross" (Mark 8:34). It is a challenge to value eternal things above earthly things, and to put all we have, including our money into service of the Lord Jesus. The aim of these couple of pages is to help you work out what this means in practice. It will help you to evaluate (or re-evaluate):

1. the amount you would like to give, based on biblical principles
2. where you would like this amount to be directed;
3. the mechanics of how you would like this to happen.

step 1: how much to give?

the principle

In the *OLD TESTAMENT*, God's people gave a tenth of all their produce to God in response to his generous blessings to them ('the tithe'). The idea of giving a tenth is first seen in Abraham and Jacob (Genesis 14, 28), and is then spelt out in the Law of Moses. It was to be given generously with much rejoicing, not legalistically or begrudgingly (Numbers 18; Deuteronomy 12, 14 & 26; 2 Chronicles 31; Malachi 3). Having received the tithe from Israel, God then redirects it to his work: to the priests and Levites, as well as to those in need, such as widows and orphans.

As *New Testament* believers, we are still to give back to God in response to his generous blessings. Indeed, we have received God's ultimate generosity to us in the death of his Son, who though he was rich, yet for our sakes became poor, so that through his poverty we might become rich (2 Corinthians 8:9). If we truly understand this gospel, we will cheerfully give as much as we can, and even beyond our ability (2 Corinthians chapters 8 & 9)!

So how much should we give to God? A tenth is a good *STARTING POINT*, but it should be the starting point for considering how generous we can be, rather than a legalistic figure we must limit ourselves to. The more fundamental question to ponder is: how much have we received from God?

in practice

- work out how much money you have to start with (your income)
- prayerfully consider how much you would like to set aside from this amount to give (as a weekly amount).
- this process of working out how much to give will of course need to be repeated each year or so, or as your income changes.

step 2: to whom to give?

the principle

In the *OLD TESTAMENT*, the Israelite tithe was directed by God to those who needed it: to the priests & Levites who had no other source of income because of their duties, and to the poor.

We see a similar pattern in the *NEW TESTAMENT*, where Christian giving is directed to meeting the needs of those who labour amongst us in the Lord, as well as towards the poor. As Paul puts it in Galatians 6: "anyone who receives instruction in the word must share all good things with his instructor" and: "as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers".

in practice

In practical terms, this means directing our money not only towards Callide Valley, but to the work of the gospel further afield (e.g. the Bible Society), and to the poor (e.g. TEAR fund). It is exciting however that already part of our giving is redirected beyond ourselves to world mission. As you give week by week you are supporting our gospel mission both locally and overseas.

Callide Valley

The ministry of the Biloela and Jambin Presbyterian Churches is funded from our regular giving week by week, and a large proportion of our gift should go towards supporting this ministry. We'll leave you to work out the details of what a 'large proportion' might mean in practice. This giving supports all our work of the gospel, including:

- our minister and his family
- our ministries to men, women, young adults, youth and children
- our supported missionaries (including PIM)
- production of calendars, directories, bible study material, etc
- our ministry facilities (including upkeep of Pelican Point)



step 3: how to give?

Commit yourself to being consistent in giving the amount you worked out in Step 1 through the weekly collection at church or, if possible, through electronic giving...

electronic giving

Electronic giving is a wonderful way to not only decide upon a generous figure to give each week but to be consistent in following through on that decision of generosity, as the funds are consistently given week by week. Please see below for the account details.

envelopes

- the envelopes work on a weekly basis & are anonymous
- weekly giving envelopes will be distributed each term (simply return them if you give electronically).

Our generosity through weekly giving is how we grow present ministries and start future ministries. At Callide Valley, we approach our church finances from the point of view of not wanting to get bogged down in fundraising activities, and not having lots of separate charges (e.g. for tea & coffee, bible study material, kids ministry materials, etc). Instead, we support and grow our ministries simply through our weekly giving. This means we rely on the generosity of our regulars week by week to support and grow our ministries. Please prayerfully consider your role in this.

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in the death of his Son, who
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so that through his poverty we might become rich"
2 Corinthians 8:9

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and even beyond our ability!
2 Corinthians 8:3

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Church Committee

VISION & CHALLENGE...

We are very excited this term to present our vision for 2015 and beyond. Late last year we met as a combined Session and Committee of Management to discuss the Vision for this year and the years following. We came up with five areas to concentrate on for the year:-

1. Improved communications as a church for 2015—both internal with one another, and external to the community. (some of the ways we would do this include—improving the website, re-vamping the bulletin, producing a new Church Directory, improving our signs and banners, improving our gardens, and taking part in some community awareness activities).
2. Training and calling of new Elders for our church.
3. Establishing an ongoing commitment to sound bible training and equipping of members to share the gospel. This would include the promotion of and attendance to: Y-NET training for our Youth Leaders, Quiz Worx training, CQ Convention and Preaching Seminar, and training of additional service leaders.
4. Extend sound biblical teaching and equipping - to other communities in our region. This would initially involve the communities of Theodore and Emerald, but our long-term goal would be to continue to reach out to other communities as well. To support the work at Emerald, the session and committee will produce a proposal to go to Presbytery and Church Offices for both financial support and prayer support. To begin such a work, the committee is opening a separate bank account called “Church Plant Fund” with a starting balance of \$15,000. A challenge budget was put to the congregation at our annual meeting with the hope that we can double this amount by the end of the year, and pave the way for employing a second minister to prepare for a church plant in Emerald in 2017.
5. This year we opened up our VIP-Net annual Easter camp to youth right across Central Queensland. We re-named the camp ‘CQ Alive’ to reflect this new direction. We worked in partnership with the Y-NET team who provided a speaker, advertising, and on-line registration facilities.

We are also committed to ongoing improvement of our facilities. Last year saw a new seat installed at the front of the church, a new stove and lighting for Pelican Point, new lounges for nursing mums in our entrance foyer, a new sign for our Pelican Point campsite, among many other things. We look forward to hearing any suggestions you might have for how we can continue to improve our facilities.

We are looking forward to you coming on a journey with us, as we seek to do the LORD’s will...
For our vision to be successful, everyone’s prayers and support will be essential.

If you have questions, please contact any of the session who will be only to glad to help.

Andrew.

The new account details are as follows:

Bank: Suncorp Bank
BSB: TBA
Account Number: TBA
Account Name: Church Plant Fund



Harold and Bill installing the new seat at the front of our church.

CQ Alive 2015!

In the middle of the Easter holidays 50 young people from around Central Queensland gathered at the Callide Dam eager to experience an exciting camping weekend. The surprises began even as they entered over the new grid to the green peninsula known to locals as Pelican Point. Each camper was welcomed at the registration desk, then escorted like VIPS's by uniformed Army Cadets to either a 4-bed dorm or a designated camping area where they were assisted with making beds, erecting tents etc. "Just part of the service" the commanding officer told us!

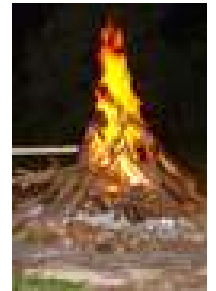
While the campers settled in and got to know each other, the leaders (most of whom had already been camping there) prayed and checked preparations, ready for a weekend of God's anointing on these young people.



Dave Hopper from YNET began on Friday evening with the first of his three enlightening and challenging talks from the book of Mark. Every talk was introduced and punctuated with fun games and activities that related to its content, and each was also followed by small group discussions with adult leaders, all designed to maximise the effectiveness of the teaching. These small groups provided each youngster ample opportunity to express their own opinions and have their questions answered in a personal way. Friday night was clear and moonlit, and after a wonderful meal, campers played a wild and exciting variation of Lantern Chase, organised by one of the local Chaplains, Nigel Krueger. Already getting late,

everyone was treated to supper beside a huge bonfire, and some campfire stories before bed. Saturday was a full-on day with discussions, food and activities. During the afternoon everyone made full use of the dam - either being towed behind one of the three boats, or paddling a canoe with friends. Even (especially?) the capsizing was fun!

Despite expending all that energy, everyone was totally ready for the exciting night-time Laser Skirmish around the campsite, using hay bales, buildings and trees for hiding places and sniper vantage points.



On Sunday Dave Hopper wrapped up his talks with some inspiring challenges, followed by group discussions, more fun games and team building activities before packing for home and a final big meal together. Phone numbers exchanged, campers said their tired goodbyes and left the richer for their diverse experiences at CQ Alive 2015.

Selma Dredge, April 2015.



**Please keep
praying for
all youth
leaders**

Selma Dredge
Lenette Witham
Ian Wilkie
Lyn Wilkie
Gavin Warmington

Cassandra Warmington
Kirstin Boal
Daniel Boal
Nigel Kruger
Lyn Webb

Michael Witham
Luke Briesse
Lucas Steger
Emma Campbell
Jasmine Donat

**Changing the World
One Disciple at a
Time**



What are some of the tasks and chores your parents got you to do when you were growing up?



1 Timothy 1:18 Timothy, my son, I give you this instruction in keeping with the prophecies once made about you, so that by following them you may fight the good fight,¹⁹ holding on to faith and a good conscience. Some have rejected these and so have shipwrecked their faith.



Timothy has been given the task of doing God's work in Ephesus, and Paul instructs and encourages him to remain firm in his faith in the Gospel.



READ 1TIMOTHY 1:1-2

1. How does Paul qualify his authority in writing to Timothy?
2. In verse 1, what does Paul specifically attribute to God and what does he specifically say about Jesus? What do you think he means by this?
3. In verse 2, what indications are there that Timothy is a Christian man?
4. What blessing does Paul pronounce upon him, and how might these be useful for the task he has been given in the church at Ephesus?



Read Acts 16:1-5;
1Thessalonians 3:1-6; Acts 18:5; Acts 19:22; 2Cor 1:1;
1Thessalonians 1:1-2;
1Corinthians 4:17; 1Corinthians 16:10-11; & Romans 16:21.

How would you describe the relationship between Timothy and Paul?



READ 1TIMOTHY 1:3-11

5. What is Paul's commission to Timothy?
6. What are some of the Ephesian men doing and what do you think their motive/goal is?
7. How does Paul contrast their work against the work of the gospel of God? What is the correct way to use the law of God? (how can we make sure we are not mis-using the law in a similar way?)



READ 1TIMOTHY 1:12-17

8. How does Paul describe his conversion? What key elements does he highlight, and how is this important for the task Timothy is charged with?
9. How is Paul an example for other Christians? Do you have any non-Christian friends for whom Paul's example might be useful for sharing the gospel with them?



10. In a couple of sentences explain the gospel message that you could share with a non-Christian person from what Paul writes in verses 15-16.

11. What does Paul tell us/remind us about God in verse 17?

READ 1TIMOTHY 1:18-20



12. Why does Paul say that he's given Timothy these instructions? Do these instructions apply to us as Christians today? (Why/Why not?)

13. What happens to those who reject these instructions, which as Paul says in verse 1 - have come by the command of God?



Pray together about the encouragement and challenge raised by God's Word through this study. Note prayer points below for your partners in the gospel

Growth Group members	Unbelieving friends



Apr 27	Growth Groups Resume	Jun 13	Men's Breakfast
Apr 28	VIP-Net Resumes	Jun 14	Lord's Supper
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May 3	Combined Srvc 6pm AOG	Jun 18	CoM Meeting
May 9	Men's Breakfast	Jun 21	Combined Srvc 6pm Bap
May 10	Mother's Day	Jun 22-25	QLD State Assembly
May 15	Biloela Show Day	Jun 27	School Holidays Begin
May 21	CoM Meeting	Jul 12	School Holidays Finish
May 23	Pelican Point Working Bee	Jul 13	Growth Groups Resume
May 24	Pelican Point Service	Jul 14	VIP-Net Leaders Meeting
May 26	Session Meeting	Jul 16	CoM Meeting
Jun 08	Public Holiday	Aug 15-16	The Big Day In - Rocky



What are some of the things God has done for us in Jesus, and what are some good ways to remember these things?

Pray that we be encouraged by Paul's steadfast commitment to the gospel of God.



*NIV 1 Timothy 1:2
To Timothy my true son in the faith:
Grace, mercy and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.
(1Tim 1:2 NIV)*

Give thanks to our Father in Heaven for sending Jesus into our world to speak to us.

Pray that we would remember how important his message of salvation really is.

Praise God for faithful men like Paul and Timothy who serve as examples for our Christian faith.

pray also

for the ministry of our Growth Groups

for Paul Smith and his work in the Philippines. Pray that the gospel will continue to go out in that country.



for sunday's bible talk and next week's study read...

1 Timothy 2



KICK OFF

What things do you normally have to pack and prepare if you are going on a camping holiday?



KEY VERSE

1 Timothy 2:1 I urge, then, first of all, that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone--² for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness.



BIG IDEA

We are to live Godly lives so that God can use us to reach out to the lost.



INVESTIGATE

READ 1TIMOTHY 2:1-7

1. What does Paul urge in verses 1 & 2? What is the purpose of living a life like Paul suggests? (vv.3-4)

2. What things does Paul say God wants? (esp. vv.1-4)

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3. What is the essential truth about God and men that men need to know (v.5-6)?

4. How might we apply verses 1-4 to our own lives? Is there anything we could be doing differently?



THINK &

5. What is Paul a herald, an apostle, and a teacher of? Who is he teaching?

6. How is Paul's mission and teaching significantly different to what the false teachers were saying and promoting? (1Timothy 1:3-4)



INVESTIGATE

READ 1TIMOTHY 2:8-10

7. Why does Paul want men to lift 'holy' hands? What does he mean when he says this? (How would this tie in with vv2-4?).

8. Why does Paul want women to dress in a particular way? What does he mean when he says this? (How would this tie in with vv2-4?).



DIG DEEPER

Read Ephesians 5:15-33

What is Paul's main concern in verses 15-21?

Does this concern in vv.15-21 drive what Paul instructs in vv.22-33?

How does Paul encourage us to be careful in how we live?

9. How would it affect the church's witness and testimony if men were to lift 'less than holy' hands in prayer, or if women in the church were dressed in 'inappropriate deeds'?

10. How does the way we live and conduct our lives help others to be saved and come to a knowledge of the truth?

READ 1TIMOTHY 2:11-15

11. What specific things does Paul say about women in the church?

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13. Are these things generally true of most women in our church? Do you think they are good guidelines, or are they the misguided words of an unmarried man who doesn't seem to like women very much?

14. How does verse 15 link with verse 10 and verses 1-4?

15. How do our own Christian lives demonstrate that we are prepared to reach out to others with the testimony about Jesus?



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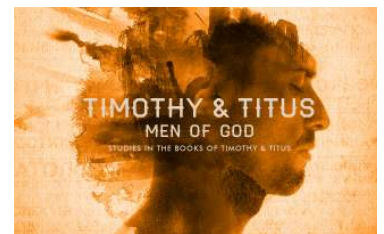


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May 9	Men's Breakfast	Jun 21	Combined Srvc 6pm Bap
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How can we best live as a family that will encourage others to know God?

Pray that we'd remember that our God loves us so much that he sent his son into the world to die in our place.



1 Timothy 2:5-6 *For there is one God and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, ⁶ who gave himself as a ransom for all men--the testimony given in its proper time.*

praise God that he sent Jesus into this world as our mediator.

confess that we often take our eyes off Jesus and are enticed by the messages of the world. Pray that we would fix our thoughts on Jesus and not put our trust in ourselves.

ask God to help us to live peaceful and godly lives as we pray for others in the hope they too would come to know Jesus as their Lord and Saviour.

pray also

for Cross Connect (our young adults ministry) (see page 5)

for the PIM - and particularly David and Kathy Alsop in the Central QLD Patrol.



for sunday's bible talk and next week's study read...

1 Timothy 3



When you apply for a job what are some of the things you first need to consider?



1 Timothy 3:14-15 Although I hope to come to you soon, I am writing you these instructions so that, ¹⁵ if I am delayed, you will know how people ought to conduct themselves in God's household, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and foundation of the truth.



Leaders in God's church look very different to the leaders chosen by the world. True Godliness is required of church leaders.



READ 1TIMOTHY 3:1-7

1. What does an 'overseer' do? (v5)
2. What qualifications are given for an overseer in verse 2?
3. What qualifications are given for an overseer in verse 3?
4. Why must an overseer NOT be a recent convert, and why must he have a good reputation with outsiders?
5. Do you know many people who would qualify to be an overseer?
6. What kind of roles in our church would fit into the charter of an overseer?

READ 1TIMOTHY 3:8-12

7. What are some of the key qualifications of the Deacon, and how are they different to that of an Overseer?



8. What are the main differences in the way you choose a deacon, as opposed to the way to choose an overseer?

9. What kind of roles in our church would be covered by the description of the deacon?

10. What impact does a man's wife and family have on his ability to serve in the church? Are these reasonable parameters to place on such roles?



Read Acts 20:17-38

What does Paul charge the Ephesian elders to do, and how does he say they've become overseers?

READ 1TIMOTHY 3:13-16



11. What are some of the positive effects of serving the church well?

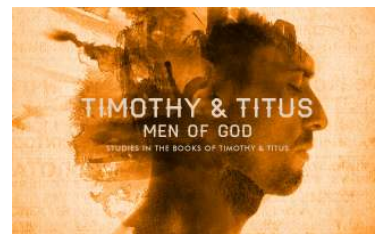
12. Why does Paul say he's writing these instructions to Timothy?

13. How does Paul qualify the church? What key phrases does he use to describe God's people?

14. What is this 'mystery of godliness' that Paul describes in verse 16? (What is he referring to here, and why is it such a mystery?)

15. What does this mystery of godliness have to do with the roles of overseer and of deacon?

16. How important are the roles of overseer and deacon in our own church?



1 Timothy 3:16 *Beyond all question, the mystery of godliness is great: He appeared in a body, was vindicated by the Spirit, was seen by angels, was preached among the nations, was believed on in the world, was taken up in glory.*



Pray together about the encouragement and challenge raised by God's Word through this study. Note prayer points below for your partners in the gospel

Growth Group members	Unbelieving friends

praise God that he has revealed himself to us through his son Jesus Christ.

Pray that we will pay careful attention to what God has revealed in his word so that we will not drift away.

pray also

for our elders and our minister as they lead our church (see page 8)

for the Middle East Reformed Fellowship (MERF) and their work with Arab and Muslim peoples around the world.



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How can we pay careful attention to the things revealed to us in God's word?

Pray that we will be able to stand firm in our faith in Jesus!!



for sunday's bible talk and next week's study read...

1 Timothy 4



What kind of example do you set for others at home/in the workplace?



1 Timothy 4:12 Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in life, in love, in faith and in purity.



As Christians we are called to live in a way that sets an example for others...



READ 1TIMOTHY 4:1-8

1. What are people going to do in later times and why? (vv.1-3)
2. What does Paul counsel Timothy to 'point out' to people? (vv.4-6)
3. How does Paul say that we can avoid godless myths and old wives tales?
4. Why does godliness have more value than physical training? What do you think Paul means by this?

READ 1TIMOTHY 4:9-11

5. What is the trustworthy saying that Paul reminds Timothy of? How is this different to an 'old wives tale'.
6. Paul instructs Timothy to 'command' and to 'teach' these things. Why doesn't he just say 'teach these things'?
7. Should we be commanding as well as teaching the truths about God our Saviour?



READ 1TIMOTHY 4:12-14

8. In what areas of life does Paul say Timothy should set an example (v12)?
9. What kind of an example do we set in these areas of our life? What kind of an example does the world expect people to set in these areas?
10. What three key ministries does Paul tell Timothy to devote himself to?



Investigate:-

Read 1 Peter 2:1-12

In these verses, what does the Apostle Peter have to say about how we should live as Christians?



11. How will devotion to these three things help the church of God's people?

12. As a church, are there any of these we could improve on today?

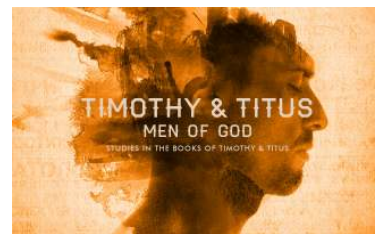
READ 1TIMOTHY 4:15-16

13. In what things does Paul call Timothy to diligence and perseverance?

14. If Timothy is diligent, and does persevere in these things what will be the end result?

15. What encouragements are there for us from the 16 verses we've read in this study?

16. What are some of the things we can improve in our own Christian life and ministry?



1 Timothy 4:15-16 *Be diligent in these matters; give yourself wholly to them, so that everyone may see your progress. ¹⁶ Watch your life and doctrine closely. Persevere in them, because if you do, you will save both yourself and your hearers.*



Pray together about the encouragement and challenge raised by God's Word through this study. Note prayer points below for your partners in the gospel

Growth Group members	Unbelieving friends

praise God that he has given us the full instructions of his holy scriptures including this letter to Timothy

Pray that we will have a clear understanding of what it means to be a follower of Jesus

Pray that we will be able to tell others the good news of the truth of the gospel

pray also

for our youth ministry (see page 13)

for the Far East Broadcasting Company as they to take the gospel of Jesus Christ to the world by radio. (They particularly seek to reach listeners who because of political, ideological, physical or geographical boundaries are unlikely to hear the message of Jesus in any other way)



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How can we set a Christian example in our lives this week?...

Pray that we would continue to encourage all family members to follow Jesus our Saviour by the way we live.



for sunday's bible talk and next week's study read...

1 Timothy 5



How do **you** normally tell someone they've done the wrong thing, or if they're about to do the wrong thing?



^{NIV} **1 Timothy 5:8** If anyone does not provide for his relatives, and especially for his immediate family, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever.



As the Living Church, we are called to put our faith into practice, and this has many implications for the way that we live our lives.



READ 1TIMOTHY 5:1-8

1. What does Paul counsel about how we treat others in the church? Why do you think he says these things?

2. What does Paul advise widows to do? (vv.4-6)

3. What should the church do with widows? Are they to make any distinctions? Do you think this advice is still useful for us today?



4. What does Paul say about the man who doesn't provide for his family? Why would Paul say this?

READ 1TIMOTHY 5:9-16



5. What do these verses tell us about the lives of widows in the church?

6. What might these verses say to women in the church who are not widows?



7. The minister here in the Callide Valley hasn't had his feet washed for a while - what do you think verse 10 is saying?

8. What is the best way for our church to look after widows? (What could we commit to doing better?)

READ 1TIMOTHY 5:17-25

9. What is the 'double honour' that verse 17 is talking about? What might that look like for you?



read Exodus 22:16-31.

What does this passage say about the social responsibilities of the people of God?



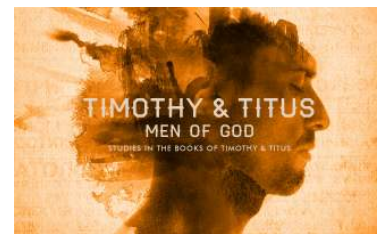
10. Why does discipline for an elder seem to be more harsh? If it is necessary, what are the steps that Paul advises and why?



11. How is Timothy to keep these instructions? (v.21) Why might this be a difficult or hard thing to do?

12. How does Paul's statement in vv.24-25 match with your experience of these things?

13. Are there any improvements that we could be making in our church as we put our faith into practice here in the Callide Valley?



NIV 1 Timothy 5:24-25
The sins of some men are obvious, reaching the place of judgment ahead of them; the sins of others trail behind them.²⁵ In the same way, good deeds are obvious, and even those that are not cannot be hidden.



Pray together about the encouragement and challenge raised by God's Word through this study. Note prayer points below for your partners in the gospel (Growth Group members) and their contacts:

Growth Group members	Unbelieving friends

Pray that we would remember that our God holds our very lives in the palm of his hand.

ask God to help us to tell others about Jesus and his offer of life.

pray also

for the ministry of our Committee of Management (see page 9)

for our school chaplains: Nigel Kruger (High School), Lyn Webb (State Primary School), Selma Dredge (District Schools), and Katrina Witham (District Schools).



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Is there anyone in need in our family?

Pray that we would help them in a way that brings glory and honour to God.



for sunday's bible talk and next week's study read...

1 Timothy 6



Although we no longer have slavery in our country, are there any situations where the master/servant role is still in place in our society?



^{NIV} **1 Timothy 6:12** Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called when you made your good confession in the presence of many witnesses.



We are to guard what has been entrusted to our care and by so doing, bring glory and honour to our God...



READ 1TIMOTHY 6:1-2

1. How would considering a master 'worthy of respect' result in God's name (& Paul's teaching) not being slandered? (vv.1-2)

2. Are there any people in particular whom we need to regard as being 'worthy of respect' in this way?

READ 1TIMOTHY 6:3-10

3. What are some of the results of teaching false doctrine in the church?



4. How would you describe godliness with contentment? What reason does Paul give for being content with what you have?

5. What are the dangers of riches and the pursuit thereof?



6. Are you content with the things God has blessed you with, or do you need more before you can be truly content?

READ 1TIMOTHY 6:11-16

7. What is Timothy to flee from?

8. What is Timothy to 'run after' (pursue)?

9. How is Timothy going to fight the good fight? (esp. v.14)



What does the bible teach about wealth and contentment? How do they relate to our faith in God's promises to us? What further information do these verses give us when it comes to protecting the church?

See Ecclesiastes 5:10-12; Philippians 4:10-20.



10. From the way that Paul addresses him, what kind of character and personality does Timothy have? Is this surprising for a leader of the church?

READ 1TIMOTHY 6:17-21

11. Where should the rich people of the church put their hope and trust and why?

12. What things is Timothy to instruct the rich people to do and why?



13. How do verses 20-21 line up with what Paul has already commissioned Timothy to do? (eg. 1Timothy 1:3-11) What additional thing is Timothy being told to do here?

14. What has the book of 1 Timothy taught you about the importance of your role in the church?



15. How might we listen to God and be faithful servants who obey his commands?

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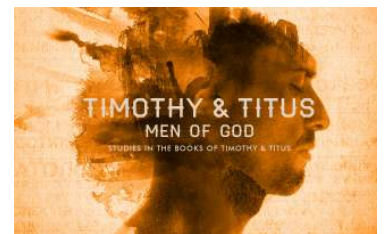


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How might we serve others this week?

Pray that we might be faithful disciples of Jesus.



NIV 1 Timothy 6:20 Timothy, guard what has been entrusted to your care. Turn away from godless chatter and the opposing ideas of what is falsely called knowledge, ²¹ which some have professed and in so doing have wandered from the faith. Grace be with you.

praise God that he promises to bless those who honour him.

Pray that we would continue to love one another and follow Christ's example in this

ask God to help us to stand firm in the gospel, and to remember that we are a part of a church family with the task of taking the gospel to the world.

pray also

for our young adults

for the work of the Presbyterian Inland Mission.



for sunday's bible talk and next week's study read...

Titus 1



What is the first thing you would do if you had to call a rebellious person into line?



^{NIV} **Titus 1:5** The reason I left you in Crete was that you might straighten out what was left unfinished and appoint elders in every town, as I directed you.



Titus has a clear role to appoint elders in the church in Crete, and has been given instructions on what qualities to look for in potential candidates for the task.



READ TITUS 1:1-4

1. How does Paul introduce his letter to Titus?



2. What key pieces of information does Paul reveal in this introduction?

READ TITUS 1:5-9

3. Why was Titus left on the island of Crete, and what do the words 'straighten out' (v.5) indicate?

4. What are some of the suggested qualities of an elder/overseer? (List them...)

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5. Why is it important that an elder possesses qualities like these?



6. What do verses 5-9 reveal about the role of an elder?

READ TITUS 1:10-14

7. Who does Paul say "must be silenced"? What kind of people are they?

8. Why would you want to keep these people quiet?



Read Exodus 18:9-27

Why is Moses encouraged by his Father-in-law to appoint elders in Israel? What kind of men are selected and why?

9. How will appointing elders help the situation?



10. How does Paul say that Titus is to 'encourage' Cretans not to do the wrong thing (v.13)? Why is he to do this? Do you think this approach would work in our church?

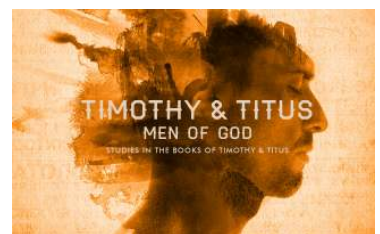
READ TITUS 1:15-16

11. What is Paul saying in verse 15?

12. Who is he describing, and what is the outcome of their way of life?

13. How will elders be useful in this situation in dealing with those who do not believe (v.15)? (esp. v.9)

14. Is this how we need our elders to function?



NIV Titus 1:8-9 Rather he must be hospitable, one who loves what is good, who is self-controlled, upright, holy and disciplined. ⁹ He must hold firmly to the trustworthy message as it has been taught, so that he can encourage others by sound doctrine and refute those who oppose it.



Pray together about the encouragement and challenge raised by God's Word through this study. Note prayer points below for your partners in the gospel (Growth Group members) and their contacts:

Growth Group members	Unbelieving friends

praise God that he guides us in how best to lead the church.

Pray that we would recognise that we are all servants and that Jesus is the king whom we serve.

ask God to help us to stand firm in the gospel, and to refute false teachers and their teaching

pray also

for our music ministry and all those in our church who serve the Lord in this way

for Inside/Out Chaplaincy (formerly CCC) as they continue to minister in word and in deed to prisoners across our state.



Jun 14 Lord's Supper
Jun 16 Session Meeting
Jun 18 CoM Meeting
Jun 21 Combined Srvc 6pm Bap
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What does it mean for us to be sound in our faith?

Pray that we would remember all that God has done for us in Jesus.



for sunday's bible talk and next week's study read...

Titus 2



What is the most recent training you've done?



^{NIV} **Titus 2:1** You must teach what is in accord with sound doctrine.



We are to train people in God's word—this is how he purifies a people for himself who are eager to do his will.



READ TITUS 2:1-5

1. In addition to appointing elders, what does Paul now counsel Titus to do?
2. What similar things is Titus to teach the older men and women about?
3. What will the older women be able to teach the younger women and what is the aim of this teaching?



READ TITUS 2:6-10

4. What is Titus to 'encourage', 'set an example of' and 'teach' the young men?

5. Why is Titus to train the young men in this way?
6. What is the teaching for slaves?
7. Why are the slaves to be taught these things?
8. Are these things still useful today?

READ TITUS 2:11-15

9. What has appeared to all men?
10. What do you think Paul is talking about when he says this?



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read
2Timothy 3:16-17

What do these verses say about teaching people from the word of God?



11. What does God teach us by his grace?

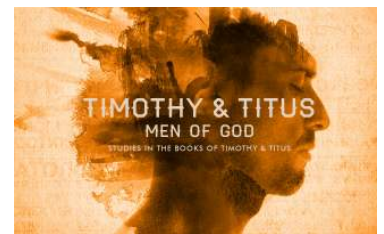
12. What does Paul say we are waiting for?



13. What has Jesus done for us and how are we meant to respond?

14. What does verse 15 tell us about Titus's character? Does he sound like a natural choice for this task?

15. What specific training would help you in your Christian life at the moment?



NIV Titus 2:11-12 For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men. ¹² It teaches us to say "No" to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age,



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Growth Group members	Unbelieving friends

Praise God that we can meet together regularly to worship him.

Pray that we will remember the things Jesus teaches us in his word.

ask God to help us to reach out to people in our local community (here in the Callide & Dawson Valley) and tell them what the gospel is all about.

pray also
For our church leaders

for the preparations for the Central QLD Christian Convention in August

for the work of the Far East Broadcasting Company (FEBC).



Jun 21	Combined Srvc 6pm Bap
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Why is it good to read God's word regularly?

Pray that we would continue to encourage each other by reading God's word together!



for Sunday's bible talk and next week's study read...

Titus 3



How do you normally remind yourself to do something? What are some common ways people remind themselves to do things?



Titus 3:4-6 But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, ⁵ he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, ⁶ whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior...



We are saved by the grace of God, not because of anything we've done.



READ TITUS 3:1-3

1. What are the key things that Titus is to remind the people of Crete about?

2. What should we remember about our own situation before we knew about the grace of God?

3. How might remembering our situation help us to tell someone else about the grace of God?



READ TITUS 3:4-8

4. What do the righteous things we've done contribute to our salvation?

5. Who saved us and why?

6. How did he save us? (esp. vv.5-6)

7. What does Paul say we are heirs of, and what are we looking forward to?

8. What is the purpose of Titus teaching these things to the people of Crete?

9. How might these things be useful for us to teach our own children?



DIG DEEPER

read
Romans 5 & 6

What do these chapters tell us about God's grace?

Why might it be good for elders, teachers and pastors to remember these things about the grace of God?



READ TITUS 3:9-11

10. What is Titus to avoid and why? Are there any controversies that it would be good for us to avoid in our church?

11. What are the dangers of a divisive person in the church? How does Paul instruct Titus to deal with such people?

READ TITUS 3:12-15



12. What does Paul ask Titus to do for Zenas and Apollos in verse 13? Have you ever had to do this for anybody in ministry?

13. In these closing verses of the letter, what impression do you get of Paul in terms of the people he's in ministry with and the locations he mentions?

14. Is there anything that might help you to live a productive life for God (v.14) because of his grace and mercy shown to you?



15. What has this letter to Titus shown you about the importance of having godly leaders in our church?

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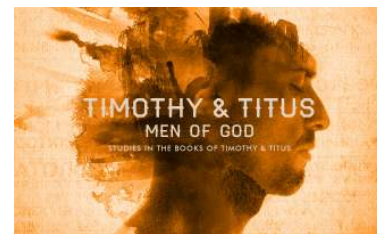


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What is a good way to remember what Jesus has done for us?

Pray that we'll remember that Jesus is coming back so that we can live forever with him.



NIV Titus 3:1-2 Remind the people to be subject to rulers and authorities, to be obedient, to be ready to do whatever is good,² to slander no one, to be peaceable and considerate, and to show true humility toward all men.

Pray that we would continue to remember the grace and mercy God has shown us in Christ Jesus

confess that we have often become complacent in our responsibilities as Christian brothers and sisters

ask God to help us to reach out to people in our local community (here in the Callide & Dawson Valley) and tell them what the gospel is all about as we follow Jesus.

pray also
For the other churches in the Presbytery of Central QLD

for the preparations for the annual QLD Assembly of ministers and elders

for the work of our School Chaplains and RI teachers



for revision of this series re-read...

1 Timothy & Titus

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