**Leading Like Christ: A Six-week Study of Titus**

**Week 3: Titus 1:2-4**

**Scripture Reading**

Paul, a servant of God and an apostle of Jesus Christ, for the sake of the faith of God's elect and their knowledge of the truth, which accords with godliness, in hope of eternal life, which God, who never lies, promised before the ages began and at the proper time manifested in his word through the preaching with which I have been entrusted by the command of God our Savior;

To Titus, my true child in a common faith: Grace and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Savior. TITUS 1:1-4 (ESV)

**Questions:**

1. List some ego-driven desires that motivate some individuals to become leaders.
What do Paul’s two claims about himself in verse 1 communicate about his view of
God, his life, and ministry?
2. Look again at verses 1 and 2. Can you identify three things that comprise the purpose
of Paul’s life and ministry?
3. What is evangelism? What do you learn about evangelism from the following verses?
4. Mark 16:15-16
5. Romans 10:14-15
6. Acts 1:8
7. 2 Corinthians 5:18-20
8. Colossians 4:5-6
9. 1 Peter 3:15
10. What is the purpose of evangelism? What is saving faith (2 Corinthians 13:5)? How can you know you have eternal life (1 John 5:11-13; John 10:28-29)?
11. Who are “God’s elect” Ephesians 1:4; 1 Peter 1:1-5)?
12. In addition to saving faith, what else does gospel truth lead to in the elect (2 Peter 3:18; 1 Peter 1:15; Hebrews 12:14; 2 Corinthians 3:18; John 17:17)? By contrast, what kind of behavior does Paul say results from false teaching (Titus 1:16)?
13. Faith in Jesus Christ gives us hope for the future. Why can Christians be assured of their future (Titus 1:2; Numbers 23:19; 1 Samuel 15:29; Hebrews 6:18)? Read Romans 8:24-25; Hebrews 11:1; Matthew 12:21; 1 Peter 1:3; Galatians 5:5. Which of these passages encourages you the most? Explain.
14. How does God reveal his eternal plan (Titus 1:3; 1 Corinthians 1:21)? Why should the God’s Word be a priority in our lives and ministry (Romans 1:16)? Why must God’s Word be faithfully preached in the local church?
15. Why does Paul refer to Titus as his “true son in our common faith” (Romans 8:15: Ephesians 2:19)?

**Key Ideas**

* The purpose of ministry is to share the gospel of Jesus Christ.
* The gospel of Jesus Christ works to rescue us.
* The truth of the gospel leads to faith and transformed lives.
* Faith in Jesus Christ gives us hope for the future promised by a trustworthy God.
* Eternal life is brought to light through the preaching of God’s Word.

**Next Week**

Read Titus 1-3 and pages 71-113 of Tozer’s, *Lead Like Christ.*