3. In HOPE of ETERNAL LIFE

• Based on the CHARACTER of God, who never LIES

• Promised by God BEFORE time

• Manifested in God's WORD at just the RIGHT time

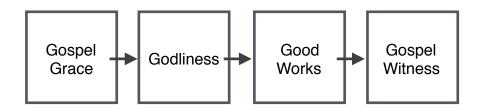
Made known through PREACHING from NOW until the END of

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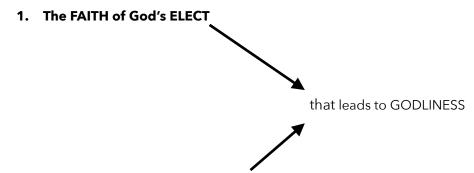
WHAT IS THE CHURCH FOR? STUDIES IN THE BOOK OF TITUS

What are Faith & Knowledge for? Titus 1:1-5 Sunday, April 28, 2019

What is the church for? It's a practical question in every generation. We'll explore that question as we study the short New Testament book of Titus this Spring together. Today we kick things off with an introduction, some background and the first paragraph of this helpful letter.

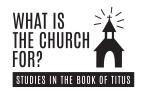


What Paul is about = What Titus is to be about = Why Paul writes = What the church is for



2. Their KNOWLEDGE of the TRUTH

Coming Up Next Week: Why are Godly Leaders Essential? Titus 1:5-2:1



Faith and Knowledge for Godliness

Titus 1:1-5 Sunday, April 28, 2019 Growth Group Week 3 of 9

Growth Groups are the glue that hold our church together. Growth Groups are groups of 6 - 12+ people that meet together during the week to process and apply the message, pray together, care for another and live life together. If you are interested in joining a Growth Group, go to gracecentralcoast.org. You can jump in anytime!

Connecting and Caring for One Another

Spring has sprang! (Or is it sprung?) What does that mean for you? How does your life change when the rain stops and sun begins to shine? Take some time to connect and share your favorite parts of Spring.

Digging into God's Word & the Message Together

1. As you come together as a group, have someone explain the box chart at the top of the outline. What does that chart represent?

2. Now take some time to read the whole book of Titus together. Where do you see some of these themes and connections across the book?

3. What does Paul mean by "God's elect" in 1:1? Is that a problematic or troubling concept for you? Is he talking about Christians or those who are not yet Christians? In other words, is Paul talking about evangelism or discipleship here?

4. What are faith and knowledge of the truth for, according to Paul?

5. What is the significance of the phrase "God, who never lies" given what was shared about the cultural setting on the island of Crete?

6. Do you see the three things (faith, knowledge of the truth and hope of eternal life) that Paul mentions in these verses reflected in the life of our church? How and where?

Praying Together

As you pray for one another's personal needs, pray also for the faith, knowledge of the truth and hope of eternal life of our church, your kids and specific unsaved friends, neighbors and co-workers.