

5 | GROUP PRAYER

Rather than going around the group and sharing prayer requests, you might consider simply bowing your heads and taking turns praying for the things on your heart or that the Holy Spirit brings to mind.

NEXT STEPS AFTER GROUP

1 | SCRIPTURE FOCUSED

- Verse to Memorize: _____
- Other Passages to Read: _____

2 | PRAYER FOCUSED

- How can you pray for people in your group this week?
- Is the Holy Spirit speaking to you about something you need to repent of and turn over to Jesus?
- How are you going to respond to this truth and put it into action?

3 | OTHERS FOCUSED

- Did anyone in your group share a need that you might be gifted to help with?
- Consider inviting a friend from group to meet up for a meal or a hang out time.
- Is the Holy Spirit bringing someone to mind with whom you can share the things you've learned today?

GROUPS

STUDY GUIDE

Why Would I Prepare BEFORE My Lighthouse Group?

Reading, thinking, and praying about the primary passage your Lighthouse Group is studying ahead of time may be one of the most pivotal ways to make your Lighthouse Group discussions powerful and meaningful. When you do prepare beforehand, you're coming with thoughtful insights and ideas you've been wrestling through. That's different from grabbing at the most accessible thoughts in real time.

How Do I Prepare BEFORE My Lighthouse Group?

1 | PRAY

Ask God to open your eyes, mind, and spirit to His truth. Your desire is not to "get the right answer," but rather to know Him as He has revealed Himself so that you can trust and rely on Him more fully.

2 | READ

Read the main passage. Consider reading the same passage in multiple versions, like ESV, NIV, AMP, and NLT. All of these can be found at BibleGateway.com. For better context, read the paragraphs before and after the study passage as well.

3 | REFLECT

What does this passage teach you about God? Maybe something to praise Him for? Does this passage reveal an area of your life you should confess as sin to God? What does this passage lead you to ask God for? How does this passage point to Jesus work on the cross and out of the grave?

Think through some of the questions you'll be discussing during your Lighthouse Group time.

4 | WRITE

This is when you cross over from reading into study – writing down truth that you are discovering. Write down questions that come to mind as you are reading.

We've included space on the next page of this guide for you to write down insights, questions, and more that you can bring up in your Lighthouse Group discussion time.

PREP BEFORE GROUP

PRIMARY PASSAGE: Titus 3:3-7

WRITE YOUR INSIGHTS & QUESTIONS HERE:

ADDITIONAL CROSS-REFERENCES: John 1:17; 3:15; Acts 13:39; Romans 1:16-17; 3:21-31; 9:30-10:4; Galatians 2:16.

DISCUSSION GUIDE

For the week of: June 2 - 8

1 | PRAY: Ask the Holy Spirit to lead your group in truth and spiritual growth.

2 | READ Titus 3:3-7

One volunteer reads the passage in the ESV or NIV. Another volunteer reads the passage in AMP or NLT.

3 | CONSIDER SITUATIONAL/HISTORICAL CONTEXT

Paul wrote this letter to Titus, pastor on the island of Crete, to help him deal with false teaching in the church he led. That's been an ongoing issue ever since, so this letter is as relevant now as it was when it was written in the first century AD. Without addressing the specifics of what was being taught, Paul simply urges Titus to encourage believers to stick with what they know to be true.

These righteous-sounding lies often come from people who are themselves deceived into thinking certain things must be done to gain or maintain salvation. The clear gospel message, though, reveals that it is God who saves us by His grace when we put our faith in Jesus. We cannot earn it ourselves, and we certainly can't require other people to earn it. It's a wholly unmerited gift of God. Any other teaching is a false gospel!

4 | DISCUSSION

CONTENT QUESTIONS

1. Why does Paul remind Titus that at one time they, too, were both in error?
2. What does he say led them out of that error?
3. In v. 7, what does he say is God's motive for pouring His grace upon us?

TRUTH QUESTIONS

1. In what ways do those who are saved by God's grace live differently from people who are still trying to earn their salvation?
2. How can the kindness and love of God overcome malice and envy?
3. What is the Holy Spirit's role in our redemption?

APPLICATION/PERSONAL QUESTIONS

1. Have you ever felt you must do something to get right with God? Why is that such a common misconception?
2. Can false teaching be an honest mistake rather than a deliberate lie? What are the honest false teachers' motives?
3. Do you know someone who's working hard to get right with God? How can you help them with that?