

DIRTY DOCTRINE

Titus 1:9-16

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This discussion guide is designed for Saylorville Church Community Groups as they live and learn together each week. The sermons and guides can be found at www.saylorvillechurch.com/sermons.

CONNECT WITH YOUR GROUP (10-15 MINUTES)

- Tell your group about a time when you were in a restaurant and wondered if it was safe, clean, or actually healthy to eat there? What did you do?
- How is doctrine like a restaurant? Brainstorm ways as a group.
- From what you know about the Book of Titus, why do you think doctrine matters so much?

APPLY THE BIBLE (45-60 MINUTES)

- **Remember** what you talked about last time. Is there anything you need to **follow up** on this week?
- **Review** your Sermon Notes together. What is **one thing** that sticks out to you about what you learned?
- **Read** this week's passage together. In his message, Pastor Colton taught us that dirty doctrine hates inspection, infects the body, and can never make you clean. Only Jesus can.

Cleaning Up Dirty Doctrine

1. Dirty Doctrine Hates Inspection (Titus 1:9-11, 16)

- According to verse 9, what must church leaders hold firmly to?
- Why does Paul say false teachers were dangerous?
- Why do you think many people resist spiritual authority or correction?
- Who has permission to ask hard questions about your spiritual life?
- What would it look like for you to welcome loving inspection instead of avoiding it?

2. Dirty Doctrine Infects The Body (Titus 1:12 and 1 Corinthians 12:12-27)

- Paul says false teaching was upsetting whole families. Why does bad doctrine damage relationships?
- What are some "secondary doctrinal issues" that might separate families or churches?
- How can a group disagree on non-essential matters while preserving love and unity?
- Have you recently been a source of healing or a source of sepsis in the body of Christ?

3. Dirty Doctrine Can Never Make You Clean (Titus 1:15-16 and John 15:3-4)

- In the context of Titus on Crete, what were the false teachers adding to faith in Christ?
- Why are people naturally drawn to "Jesus + something else" religion?
- What modern versions of "Jesus + _____" do people believe today?
- Be honest, how do you tend to fill in that blank in your life?
- What might practically change in your daily routine, thought life, budget, schedule, relationships, etc. if you truly believed that Jesus is all your need?

Receive and Respond: What will I do because of what I just heard?

PRAY TOGETHER (5-15 MINUTES)

- As a group, confess some of the "dirty doctrine" that might be influencing your thinking lately.

