

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)

- Have you ever ignored a warning, fine, consequence, or correction and later realized the situation only became worse? Tell your group the story.

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 Pat pointed our hearts toward the sin that condemns us and the mercy that frees us.

Remember...**1. Remember who you are (Titus 3:1-2)**

- Paul says believers are to be "reminded." Why do Christians need continual reminders rather than just new information?
- What commands in verses 1–2 stand out most to you? Which are hardest for you personally?
- Why would these traits have stood out so dramatically in Crete?
- Pastor Pat said, "A righteous life would stand out in Crete. Still does." In what ways should Christians stand out today?
- Read 2 Peter 1:9. What happens when Christians "forget" who they are in Christ?
- Verse 2 says believers should avoid slander and quarrels. What kinds of speech or online behavior violate this command?
- Why is gentleness often a stronger testimony than winning an argument?

2. Remember who you were (Titus 3:3)

- Which descriptions in verse 3 are most sobering to you?
- Respond to this quote, "You'll never know how good God is until you know how bad you are."
- Read 1 Peter 1:18–19. What does it mean to be redeemed?
- In what ways can Christians forget their former slavery to sin?
- How did the illustration of slaves being freed help you understand redemption more clearly?

3. Remember who you've become (Titus 3:4-8)

- The passages emphasizes the phrase, "But God." Where else in Scripture do you see that kind of dramatic turn?
- According to verse 5, what is the basis of salvation? Do you really believe that?
- How does the courtroom imagery throughout the sermon help explain the gospel?
- If the charge against humanity (and you personally) is found in verse 3, what is the verdict apart from Christ?
- "Your life should be a great big 'Thank you!'" What does a gratitude-shaped Christian life look like?

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

PRAY TOGETHER (5-15 MINUTES)

- As a group, thank God for His mercy shown to you personally through Jesus Christ!

