TITUS 2:1-2, 6-10 DISCUSSION GUIDE

Here are some questions and thoughts to help guide discussion:

- 1. What stood out to you from this Sunday's sermon? Was there anything that was new to you, or anything that surprised you?
- 2. The first instruction we saw in this week's passage was for Titus to teach what accords with sound doctrine. Often, doctrine and practice are separated from each other, and one is focused on more than the other. How can we as a church ensure we have balanced priorities when it comes to teaching sound doctrine and making sure we live godly lives?
- 3. What are the lives of older men supposed to look like? Take some time to discuss what each of these characteristics would actually look like in practical, day-to-day real life. For example, you could suggest a situation you've recently encountered, and talk about how a Titus 2:2 man would act or respond in that situation.
- 4. Does our culture encourage and support men in being like this? What sorts of pressures or influences will a man need to fight against in order to be the kind of man described here?
- 5. What sort of barriers, especially in today's culture, cause younger men to struggle with self-control? Think of some younger men you've known who have done this well. What made the difference for them, and what can we all learn from this?
- 6. In Titus 2:9-10, bondservants are commanded to act in a godly manner on the job so that "in everything they might adorn the doctrine of God our Saviour." If we are going to adorn the gospel at our workplace, this suggests that those around us know the gospel and associate us with it. What does this suggest about our responsibility to share the gospel freely? How does it help you to view your workplace (or other areas in life) as a mission field?
- 7. Are you inclined to feel discouraged or overwhelmed by this passage? How do verses 11-14 help change that perspective?