

Sermon Notes

Week of Sunday, October 11, 2015

Sermon: How We Do As Servant Leaders

Key Passage: Titus 1:1-9 (ESV)

Pastor - Mark Saunders



A. What we do cannot replace grace, but grace shapes how we do

11 For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, 12 training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age. (Titus 2:11-12 ESV)

B. A “P.S” of personal intro, purpose, promise and preference

1 Paul, a servant of God and an apostle of Jesus Christ, for the sake of the faith of God’s elect and their knowledge of the truth, which accords with godliness, 2 in hope of eternal life, which God, who never lies, promised before the ages began 3 and at the proper time manifested in his word through the preaching with which I have been entrusted by the command of God our Savior; 4 To Titus, my true child in a common faith: Grace and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Savior. (Titus 1:1-4 ESV)

C. Grace shapes how we do servant leadership - we are to be blameless.

5 This is why I left you in Crete, so that you might put what remained into order, and appoint elders in every town as I directed you— 6a if anyone is above reproach... (Titus 1:5-6a ESV)

D. Blameless leaders play well at home. (family/experience)

6b...the husband of one wife, and his children are believers and not open to the charge of debauchery or insubordination. (Titus 1:6b ESV)

E. Blameless leaders play well on the own. (character)

7 For an overseer, as God’s steward, must be above reproach. He must not be arrogant or quick-tempered or a drunkard or violent or greedy for gain, 8 but hospitable, a lover of good, self-controlled, upright, holy, and disciplined. (Titus 1:7-8 ESV)

F. Blameless leaders know well the word. (doctrine)

9 He must hold firm to the trustworthy word as taught, so that he may be able to give instruction in sound doctrine and also to rebuke those who contradict it. (Titus 1:9 ESV)

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Getting Started

1. What stood out most to you about this weekend's sermon? What from the sermon will you be able to apply to your life this week?

2. What does it mean for you to serve? How do you serve in your house? In the Church? In your community?

3. Take some time to read Titus 1:1-9. Make note of what stands out to you? What are you noticing about the passage as a whole? What interests you about this Scripture?

4. How does Paul describe Titus? What does it mean for someone to be 'in a common faith'? We often talk about the Grace of Jesus, what does the peace of Christ look like?

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5. Verses 5-9 give us the qualifications of an elder; what do those 'requirements' look like in your own life? How do you measure up to those standards? What would it look like to hold yourself to them?

6. What does it mean for you to be 'above reproach' or 'blameless'?

7. Read Mark 10:35-45. What are James and John asking Jesus to do? Why do you think Jesus responded in the way that He did? What do you think the disciple's response was to verse 45? What do these verses tell us about the Christian life?

8. Take time now to reflect on what your group's discussion. What stood out most to you about the two readings? Have these readings caused you to rethink the way that you serve? Ask yourself this week, how will I serve those around me everyday? Then go and do it.