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Community Group Sermon Notes

The Beautiful Gospel – Pastor Jonathan Christman
Series: *Guard the Gospel & Adorn the Truth: The Pastoral Epistles*

Ice Breaker

As we approach the holiday season, many of us begin decorating our homes to make them beautiful. What is one decoration, tradition, or special touch that makes your home particularly beautiful or welcoming? What makes it meaningful to you?

Read & Reflect on the Scripture Passage – *Titus 2:1-10*

Read the passage aloud together. As you listen, consider the main idea: The beauty of the gospel is displayed in a healthy church through teaching and living the truth.

Paul paints a beautiful picture of a healthy church where sound teaching shapes everyday living, generations disciple one another, and lives transformed by Christ make the gospel attractive to a watching world. As you read, notice the relationship between what Christians believe, how they live, and the witness they offer to others.

Sermon Application Discussion

1. **Teach the Truth – Healthy Teaching** (Titus 2:1)
   - Pastor Jon explained that sound doctrine is healthy, life-giving teaching that connects belief with behavior. Why is sound biblical teaching essential to a healthy church?
   - Read Jeremiah 6:13-15 and Micah 3:5-11. Discuss how unsound theology can lead to wickedness and justifying evil.

2. **Live the Truth – Healthy Living** (Titus 2:2–10)
   - Paul describes godly character across different ages and stages of life. Which qualities stand out to you—self-control, integrity, kindness, reverence, faith, love, endurance, or trustworthiness? Which is God currently developing in you?
   - How does our everyday conduct in our homes, workplaces, friendships, and church either strengthen or weaken our witness for Christ?

3. **Beautiful Discipleship Across Generations** (Titus 2:2–6)
   - Pastor Jon emphasized that a healthy church builds a culture of discipleship across generations. Why is it important to have meaningful relationships with believers both older and younger than ourselves? What can each generation offer the other?
   - Read 1 Corinthians 11:1 and Matthew 28:19–20. Who has intentionally invested in your spiritual growth? Who might God be calling you to encourage, mentor, or disciple? What might that look like practically?

4. **Adorn the Truth – Making the Gospel Attractive** (Titus 2:5, 8, 10)
   - Paul describes three results of godly living: God's Word is honored, opponents have no legitimate grounds for accusation, and the gospel is made attractive. How do our actions influence how others perceive Jesus and His church?
   - Read Matthew 5:16. What might it look like for others to see the beauty of Jesus through your words, attitudes, relationships, and good works this week?

5. **The Beauty of the Gospel in Difficult Circumstances** (Titus 2:9–10)
   - Pastor Jon reminded us that even those in the lowest positions can beautifully display the gospel. How can faithfulness, integrity, and hope in Christ shine especially brightly during suffering, disappointment, injustice, or seasons when we feel overlooked?
   - Read Isaiah 53:2–3 and Titus 2:11–14. How does the apparent ugliness of Christ's suffering on the cross reveal the extraordinary beauty of God's love and salvation? How does remembering the gospel change the way we live?

Going Deeper

Use these questions for personal reflection during the week.

- **Examine:** If someone observed my daily life, what would they learn about Jesus? Where is there a disconnect between what I believe and how I live?
- **Consider:** Am I intentionally learning from someone more mature in faith and investing in someone else? What relationship could I pursue?
- **Reflect:** Am I more concerned with outward appearances or with displaying the beauty of Christ through a transformed heart?

Closing Prayer

Thank you God for the beautiful gospel of Jesus Christ, whose sacrifice brings salvation and transformation. Holy Spirit align our beliefs with our actions, grow us in godly character, and deepen relationships across generations. We pray that our Community Group and Church of the Saviour would display the beauty of Jesus to Wayne and beyond.

Faith in Action

Make the gospel beautiful through intentional discipleship. This week, reach out to someone from a different generation to share a meal, coffee, conversation, or prayer. Consider how your Community Group could intentionally encourage or serve another generation within the church.

Discipleship Process

LOVE GOD – Worship together and grow through sound biblical teaching.
LOVE OTHERS – Build authentic relationships and disciple one another across generations.
Community Groups: Week 9 of 12.
SERVE THE WORLD – Display the beauty of the gospel through Christlike love, integrity, and service.
Our mission: To glorify God by making disciples of Jesus Christ in Wayne and beyond.

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