Titus: An Introduction - Titus 1:1-4

1. One of the main themes in the book of Titus is how the church should look compared to the world around it. What worldly influences do you see that have crept into the church? Are there any worldly influences that have crept into your life? Do you see any worldly influences that could creep into your life or the church if not kept in check?

2. Paul opens this letter by referring to himself as a servant of God. How should this influence how we define ourselves? Do you see yourself as a servant of God? Why or why not?

3. In Titus 1:1, Paul says he is a servant and an Apostle "for the sake of the faith of God's elect and their knowledge of the truth, which accords with godliness…." Why is it so important to know the truth? Where is it that we find objective truths? How can we differentiate ourselves from this world in how we pursue truth?

4. Also, in Titus 1:1, we see that the knowledge of truth accords with or leads to Godliness. Why is pursuing truth a Godly act? Said another way, how can the pursuit of truth lead us to Godliness?

5. A natural byproduct of pursuing truth is that we will continue to grow. Read Hebrews 5:12-6:2. How does the writer of Hebrews encourage us never to stop growing?

6. Read John 15:1-7. What are the conditions for us to bear fruit?

7. Read 1 Corinthians 8:1-3. How can knowledge puff us up? How do we learn without getting puffed up with pride?