



SERMON NOTES

Sunday, September 18, 2022 | Pastor Scott Boerckel

True Christians and Discernment

Titus 1:10-16

1. Why must we have good elders in the church? (Titus 1:10)

2. What must be done with false teachers? (Titus 1:11-14)

3. What happens when bad teaching is permitted? (Titus 1:15-16)

Table Talk

- 1) What reason does Paul give for why we must have good elders in our church? (Titus 1:10) How can insubordinate, empty talking, or deceiving people destroy a church? Why is having factions in a church so destructive? What faction was causing trouble in the Cretan churches?
- 2) What must be done with these false teachers? (Titus 1:11) Why? Doesn't this seem harsh? How are these false teachers upsetting whole families? What might be included in the idea of "whole families" here? Why is teaching that something is necessary, that is not necessary, a dangerous thing for the Gospel? What motivation is behind this false teaching?
- 3) What kind of character problems are typical of the people of Crete? (Titus 1:12) How would you describe the kind of character problems typical of the people of Central Illinois?
- 4) What is the goal of a sharp rebuke? (Titus 1:13) How is rebuke both practiced poorly and also not practiced today? Have you ever been wisely rebuked? How was that kind of rebuke helpful? What does it mean to be "sound in the faith?" (Titus 1:13-14)
- 5) What happens when bad teaching is permitted in a church? (Titus 1:15-16) What two ways is purity compromised by bad teaching? (Titus 1:15) How does Paul describe so-called church members whose profession of faith does not align with the reality of their lives? (Titus 1:16)