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Parish Church

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Titus 2:11-15 – Grace Transforms Us

Small Group Questions

Pray for God's help as you turn to look at His word, to understand and respond rightly to what you'll see. Read through the passage and then discuss these questions together.

Reminder of Sunday's talk: The purpose of grace is godliness & the power for godliness is grace. So, let grace teach you.

1. What difference does it make that grace *both* saves us (v11) *and* changes us (v12)? Was this a new thought for you, or something you needed to be reminded of?
2. What do these people need to remember about grace...
 - a) **Jim** who takes his failings in godliness very seriously and often wonders whether God loves a sinner like him.
 - b) **Chloe** who rejoices that Jesus died to forgive her but is pretty relaxed about fighting sin and pursuing godliness.
3. "Jesus loves us enough to take us as we are, and he loves us too much to leave us as we are". How does that make you feel about him?

Sunday's talk used the illustration of Odysseus and Orpheus, who had very different strategies for surviving the sirens' tempting song. Odysseus filled his crew's ears with wax and had them tie him to the ship's mast. Orpheus, on the other hand, played such beautiful music on his harp that his sailors ignored the sirens' song because they were captivated by something better.

This is how grace teaches us. Grace fights temptation by 'singing' the more beautiful song of everything Jesus has done and will do for us.

4. How would you describe the 'song' grace sings to us? Can you think of specific truths about Jesus that have motivated you more than rules / guilt / will-power ever could?
5. Pick one or more areas of struggle from the list below. How does grace's better, more beautiful song help us say no to these temptations?

Anger... Unforgiveness... Gossip... Escapism... Greed... People-pleasing... Self-pity... Whatever else

6. This week, when we face temptation, what would it look like to listen to the better song of grace? How can you let grace teach you by reminding yourself of what Jesus has done and will do for you?

Respond to God's word in prayer

Share any answers to prayer you've seen since you last met

Take some time to pray for each other

Our desire for small groups is that they would help us be a "people who are in the process of having their lives turned inside out and upside down by the progressive work of transforming grace."

(Taken from 'Lead' by Paul Tripp, p42)