

Rooting Out & Enduring Overbearance

Titus 1:7

Sermon Discussion Questions

October 13, 2019

1. In this first section of our Titus sermon series we are looking at different ways to live godly lives. Titus 1:7, our passage for this sermon, has us focusing on the word overbearing and what it means to be overbearing. Before hearing this message, did you fully understand the meaning of the word overbearing? What stuck out to you from this sermon?
2. Think of a time when you have questioned God's will, when you have thought that you knew better than God in a given situation. In that moment, did you catch yourself being overbearing? If yes, what was your next course of action? If not then, when was it that you realized it?
3. Jim shares the idea that suffering is at work to make us less overbearing. Have you had a "suffering experience" that you know was intended by God to help you in the area of being overbearing? Share with the group. Does, thinking about suffering in this new light, help you to see how God may have been working in your life in this regard?
4. Can you think of a current situation where you may be "trying to do the work of the Holy Spirit"? Is it difficult for you to relinquish control and let God handle things? Commit today to trusting that God will work in this situation and that His will will be done.
5. Most of us have been in a situation where we have been the victim of someone being overbearing with us. How can you use these negative experiences to make sure that you do not deal with others in this way?
6. For those that are currently dealing with someone who is overbearing, Jim gives four encouragements. They are: 1) Know that you are not alone; 2) We can use our struggles with overbearing people to make us humble in our dealings with others; 3) Do not give in; and 4) Seek wisdom from others. Discuss each of these as a group. Which of these bring you the most comfort? How can you use these as an opportunity to grow?