

The Love and Kindness of God
Titus 3:3-7
Sermon Discussion Questions
May 17, 2020

1. With this sermon, we embark on the final mini-series from the book of Titus titled "A New Life". Before digging into today's sermon, spend some time as a group discussing some of the most impactful sermons from Titus. This could be from any of the first three mini-series we have gone through so far - A Godly Life, A True Life, A Quiet Life.
2. **Read Titus 3:3-7 as a group.** As believers in Christ is it helpful for you to think about the washing that is portrayed in these verses as dirt that used to be on our hands rather than the dirt that is on our hands? Is it a struggle for you to view this as past tense? If yes, explain.
3. Jim takes some time to talk about "why" God chose to save us. **Read Jeremiah 31:3.** The first reason why God saved us is because of His kindness and His love. Do you struggle with the idea that there is nothing that you have done, or will ever do, that could cause God to stop loving you?

The second reason why God saved us is because of His grace and His mercy. Mercy is not getting the punishment we deserve and grace is getting the blessing that we do not deserve. Spend some time thanking God for his love and kindness and also for his grace and mercy in your life.

4. Jim describes the "what" as being washed clean and being justified. Not only has God washed us clean and made us new, he legally declared us not guilty and made us heirs of eternal life. In regards to the "how" God saved us, it was by pouring out His Holy Spirit on us through Jesus Christ our Savior. Where do you struggle most to fully accept God's free gift of salvation?
5. This is the Gospel, if you were to share this with someone that has never heard this, what portion of the gospel presentation do you think would be the most difficult?
6. Take some time to think about someone who you might be able to share the good news with this week. This might look like an intentional conversation that includes a traditional gospel presentation or maybe it is just starting with a simple show of God's love through a note. Pray that the Holy Spirit would embolden each member of your group to share about God's love and kindness this week.