

Gentle
Titus 3:2-3
Sermon Discussion Questions
May 31, 2020

1. In this message, being gentle is defined as having or showing a mild, kind, or tender temperament or character. This is seen the brightest in adverse situations where it would be easier to display a different type of character. As a group, discuss examples of how you've shown gentleness over the past few months. Also, discuss your failures in not showing gentleness and what you could have done differently in that situation.
2. **Read 1 Peter 3:15-18.** When we don't have a spirit of gentleness when we share the gospel, our aim could be towards winning an argument instead of trying to win a soul to Christ. Discuss how you could handle a situation in a spirit of gentleness when you feel the need to defend the gospel to a nonbeliever. Could you be stern in your response and still be gentle?
3. **Read Proverbs 15:1.** Often in our relationships with others, we allow our tongue to speak foolishly when we've been called to a spirit of gentleness. This could be through text, social media or even in person. What are some topics present in our society and culture that have brought about this type of negative response from those you know? If you've engaged in conversation on these topics, share how you handled it. Discuss how your relationships have been in your household during Covid-19. Have there been moments where you spoke foolishly instead of in a spirit of gentleness?
4. The big idea for today's sermon addressed gentleness reflecting the heart of God. Jesus is not only concerned with the outward gesture of obedience and gentleness. He's also concerned with the heart and the spirit within us that drives us towards a more intimate relationship with Him.

Spend some quiet time in reflection on the three areas of gentleness mentioned today (evangelism, the church, relationships) and whether you're reflecting the heart of God and His son Jesus in these areas. Come together as a group and pray for one another and Calvary Church that we can walk through the sanctification process together to embody a spirit of gentleness in our everyday lives.