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## Engage Bible Study Guide

### Session 30 | Intro + Titus 1 | April 26, 2021

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#### OPEN

- Who would you say are the modern-day Cretans? What makes you say that?
- Do you feel like you've been called to go share the Gospel like Titus?

#### DIG

- What are your thoughts about how church leadership should be structured? Do you think that Prince of Peace is built for the future?
- Do you feel like you are living in God's new age or are you waiting for some other sign? What is the practical difference for you?
- A lot of Christian imagination connects truly apocalyptic imagery to God's new age. Do you? Why?
- If living in God's new age isn't about works, then what is it about?
- Do you agree or disagree with the list of characteristics in ideal elders Paul gives Titus? What would you add or subtract?
- How do we avoid the ditch of lists?
- How do we avoid the ditch of 'anything goes'?
- How did conversion work in the ancient world? Was it individualistic or communal? Why did the nature of conversion make the Judaizers so problematic?
- Do you think that house churches like those found in Crete are more or less faithful than how we organize our church today? What can each type of community learn from the other?
- What do you think are reasonable responses for church leaders to people in a congregation who are teaching things counter to the Gospel? Should a congregation be able to kick someone out?
- What would it look like for you to take a more active leadership role in this community?
- As you share the Bible with others, how do you talk about some of these difficult texts?

#### APPLY

- Of all places, Paul picked Crete to send Titus to evangelize. Where do we need to be sent today? What does our evangelism look like in our modern context?
- If you had a magic wand what would you change about how Prince of Peace is structured?
- If you woke up one day and our congregation was exactly how you thought it should be, what would you see?