

## The Grace of God for All People Small Group Guide

**Warm-up Question:** (Choose one, make up your own, or skip this part all together, depending upon the nature of your group.)

1. What is one practical piece of advice that you think could help just about anybody?
2. If you had to characterize the people in the city or town in which you grew up in a few words, what would you say? (Imagine you're describing them to someone from another nation.)

**Read the following passage:** Titus 2:11-15.

Paul left Titus in Crete to “put in order what was left unfinished” (Titus 1:5). The people of Crete did not have a particularly good reputation. Paul writes:

One of Crete’s own prophets has said it: “Cretans are always liars, evil brutes, lazy gluttons.” Titus 1:12

So, in a brief passage in Titus 2, Paul sums up the Gospel message and articulates how that message should impact our lives. We should say “No” to ungodliness and worldly passions, and live self-controlled and godly lives, eager to do what is good.

**Questions for Discussion** (Choose several that are relevant for your group):

1. Paul begins his description of the Gospel by saying “the grace of God appeared.” What does he mean by this? Do you live with a sense that God has and is extending his favor to you? Explain.
2. Paul states that God’s grace “offers salvation to all people.” Are your eyes open to the reality that God is extending grace to everyone around you, including those who are not yet following Jesus? How should this reality impact how we engage other people with the Gospel?
3. Can you explain the Gospel in less than 30 seconds? What would you say?
4. Have you ever witnessed, or personally lived, “Christianity without Christ” (see 2 Timothy 3:1-5)? What does such a Christianity look like? How do we keep that from happening in our own lives?
5. What are some areas of your life in which you need to say “No” to ungodliness and worldly passions? How do we recognize when a desire is ungodly?
6. In what areas of your life do you most struggle with self-control?

7. How should our hope in “the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ” impact our lives in the present?
8. When Paul writes that we should be “eager to do what is good,” what kind of things is he referring to? What are some ways in which you are eager to do what is good?

## **Pray**