

# *the* TAKE HOME 09.25.16

## **Today's Scripture Passage: Titus 1:1-4**

Paul, a servant of God and an apostle of Jesus Christ for the faith of God's elect and the knowledge of the truth that leads to godliness—faith and knowledge resting on the hope of eternal life, which God, who does not lie, promised before the beginning of time, and at his appointed season he brought his word to light through the preaching entrusted to me by the command of God our Savior, To Titus, my true son in our common faith:

Grace and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Savior.

## **Titus**

- Gentile
- Conversion caused a stir in Jerusalem
- Paul was his spiritual father or mentor
- Traveled with Paul on several missionary journeys
- Worked with the church at Corinth

## **Crete**

- Sleazy seaport
- Socially backward, destroyed by an earthquake
- Character traits: "The people of Crete are all liars, cruel animals, and lazy gluttons."
- Paul planted the church in Crete

## **Who we are**

- Servants v.1
- Sent ones v.1

## **What we are sent to do**

- Help people to faith in Jesus v.1
- Help people learn knowledge of the truth that leads to godliness v.1

**Context of our work:** Our certainty of Eternity

## **Discussion Questions**

- Is your life being shaped more by the Gospel (Good News of Jesus) or other things?
- How has your service for Jesus resembled that of a slave?
- How has your service for Jesus resembled that of a "sent one?"
- How are you co-operating with God as He brings people to faith?
- How are you co-operating with God as He shapes others in godliness?
- How is the certainty of eternity shaping you? How is it helping you as you come alongside others to help them spiritually?