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Today's Scripture Passage: Titus 2:6-15

6 Similarly, encourage the young men to be self-controlled. 7 In everything set them an example by doing what is good. In your teaching show integrity, seriousness 8 and soundness of speech that cannot be condemned, so that those who oppose you may be ashamed because they have nothing bad to say about us. 9 Teach slaves to be subject to their masters in everything, to try to please them, not to talk back to them, 10 and not to steal from them, but to show that they can be fully trusted, so that in every way they will make the teaching about God our Savior attractive. 11 For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men. 12 It teaches us to say "No" to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age, 13 while we wait for the blessed hope--the glorious appearing of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ, 14 who gave himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness and to purify for himself a people that are his very own, eager to do what is good. 15 These, then, are the things you should teach. Encourage and rebuke with all authority. Do not let anyone despise you.

Our Fallen Condition: we often allow this world to squeeze us into its mold.

The Big Idea: Only the Gospel of Jesus should shape our lives.

Application and Reflection...

What kind of mentor will help me toward a Gospel Shaped Life?

- Integrity: Do they live what they say they believe?
- Seriousness: Do they have real weight to their character?
- Soundness of speech: Is their speech solid, logical, healthy?

Working to make God look good...

- Do I recognize my work as God-ordained?
- Am I doing my best to please my boss?
- When I talk to or about my boss am I making things better or am I getting in the way?
- Am I in any way taking from the company something that doesn't belong to me?
- Can my boss trust me in all aspects of my work?

How is the Gospel teaching me that Jesus is enough for me?