

Study Notes based on Sunday 21 October 2018

Learning from Disciples: Titus (John Farren)

Titus 1:1-4; 2:11-15

1. John F spoke about sharing a common faith with Titus. (1:4) Tease out the distinction between 'believing that' and 'believing in'. What do you think John F meant when he described faith as a lifestyle?
2. John F also identified that we share a common task with Titus. What do you think it is? 2:11.
3. NB Titus was not given an easy assignment - see how the Cretans are described in Titus 1: 12.
Titus had demonstrated that he was equipped for such a task. (see 2 Corinthians 8:16 -22) What characteristics of Titus can you see in this passage?
John F drew attention to Rick Warren's S.H.A.P.E. for ministry. How do you respond to this? S stands for Spiritual Gifts; H stands for your Heart or passion; A stands for your Abilities; P stands for your Personality; E stands for your Experience.
Do any of these surprise you? Which ones?
4. Read Titus 2:11,12 and 14. To what extent does this description of the gospel and the purpose of redemption contrast with emphases in the wider church today?
5. Read Titus 2:13 – We share a common destiny! To what extent do we live our lives in the light of Jesus' return? See Matthew 24 for Jesus take on this matter. It is worth reading the whole chapter. Why do we tend to avoid this teaching?
6. Read Titus 2:15 – to what extent should rebuking feature in our mission and ministry?

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