

So here's where we've been....it seems like it's been about 6 months since we've been here.

We're in a series asking a simple question: How do I flip my campus?

A better way to ask it is this: How do I influence my campus with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

We know this is a need and we know this is something we've been called to do...as followers.

A big question is if we have a desire to do this..... Is this important?

The book of Titus is written to a young preacher put into a tough situation.

We've said this....Titus is a man who is in a place he probably wouldn't have chosen and asked to impact people he normally wouldn't have chosen to hang around.

So our hope is to walk around Titus and seek encouragement, wisdom and really help as we seek to be a Godly influence on our campus.....in hopes of flipping it....making it become something it's not.

You've seen the flip shows right? They take something in horrible shape and make it beautiful.

They take something that just needs a chance and they give it a makeover.

The worst house in the best neighborhood right?

That's our hope for our campus....that was really the hope for Titus in Crete....where this book is based.

To go to a people who need help and establish the Truth there....not to remove yourself from the situation but to go there and take the Gospel with you.

but let's be real about some things tonight.

As we look at Titus we see three people, the book of Titus...not like Titus has 3 people in him.

1. We see Titus....one who's called to go, stay, remain, fight, work, influence.

Titus is a believer, **v.4**, who cares enough to stay. Titus is willing to put his neck on the line for his faith.

He's committed to the work of the cross....the spreading of the gospel no matter what anyone thinks.

He's not weird, he's honest....HE'S NOT WILLING TO BOTTLE UP WHATS INSIDE.

He's not perfect but has found hope and redemption in the cross and that is all the hope he needs.

Even if the challenge is daunting, count Titus in, even if the people are detestable liars. He's in.

That's some of you. You're in no matter what.

2. We see people who have temporarily walked away from their faith.

Titus is called to reach and teach two groups of people, one of them is this one....the one who has walked away or one who has been tricked by the false teaching. ONCE GOOD, NOW STAINED BY SIN YET AGAIN.

These people are caught in between their faith and the world...wanting both...not really comfortable taking a stand but not really comfortable walking completely away from their faith.

V.11 – families...people who are being misled and just aren't sure what to believe.

Maybe this is you...you have the hope of Christ in you but are constantly fighting the lie...battling the culture, the world.

3. We see people who are opponents of the gospel....of the flip.

This is the major population of Crete, where Titus is....these people are the ones who are in the church but are there for their own agenda. Crete is a place of the world anyway....but now the world has made it's way into the church. These are the people **vv. 10-16** are talking about. Particularly **v. 16**

The good news is this....all of these people stand in need of the hope that is in Christ Jesus.

Every group....and the greater hope is that even that last group...the somewhat unsaveable are not removed from the hope that is available in Jesus. You know these people..Paul is telling Titus...even these people can be saved...it's why you're here....

no one is too far away that the hope of Christ can't reach them

TITUS IS THERE TO RESTORE ORDER....it's a big part of why we are at school.

But the issue is this...we have to come to grips with which group we're actually in.



FLIP MY CAMPUS (week 3)

Titus 1 (again)

WHO ARE YOU?

GROUP QUESTIONS: (for tonight/throughout the week)

- Which group from tonight do you think you're in?
- What is the hope that remains for any of the groups?
- How important or how big of an opportunity is it for us to live out our faith at our schools or workplace?
- When is the last time you were just real with someone about who you really are?

IMMEDIATE APPLICATION: (Confidence as you go)

- The Titus' – on board, believer, willing and ready
- The in-between – believers who flirt with world, confused
- The opponents of the gospel – clearly working against

Big Question of the WEEK: _____

In Haggai 1:5 God calls His people to "consider their ways."

This year, each week, we'll have a "consider your ways" question.

So here it is:

What's the most important decision you need to make this year?