

PASSAGE: Titus 1:1-4

¹Paul, a servant of God and an apostle of Jesus Christ to further the faith of God's elect and their knowledge of the truth that leads to godliness- ²in the hope of eternal life, which God, who does not lie, promised before the beginning of time, ³and which now at his appointed season he has brought to light through the preaching entrusted to me by the command of God our Saviour, ⁴To Titus, my true son in our common faith: Grace and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Saviour.

LAUNCH

If you were to introduce yourself at a dinner party, what sort of things might you say about yourself?

What key information would you want to tell others about yourself?

DISCOVERY & UNDERSTANDING

Paul introduces himself as servant and apostle (or sent one).

What key information about his role is he trying to get across?

Do you see yourself as God's servant and as being sent by him? Why or why not?

What can prevent you from seeing yourself in this way?

In what areas of the kingdom are you currently being 'sent' at the present time?

Get others in the group to pray for you that you will fulfil your sending.

What are the privileges and responsibilities of being a servant of the most high God?

Why is furthering faith important? In what sort of areas does the faith of God's elect need to be furthered? In what sort of ways can we unwittingly undermine faith?

In what areas of life has God taught you godliness as you have read his word?

Why is godliness linked to the hope of eternal life? Surely eternal life is based on the completed work of Christ not our godliness?

Titus is described as a true son in the common faith. Who is God calling you to nurture in the faith at the present time? How might you go about doing this?

APPLICATION

Pray into any one of the following subjects

- 1) An increased servant heart
- 2) A greater sense of being called
- 3) A furthering of your faith in key areas
- 4) Increased godliness
- 5) Becoming fathers and mothers to sons and daughters