Life Team week of 12/4– LIFT – Titus 3

**Hang**

* If you could change anything about your life – what would it be?
* What would you have done differently?
* What would you have like to have happened to you differently?

**Highlight**

The apostle Paul is giving Titus final instructions for the churches on Crete. A few final reminders. Two of them was to never forget where you came from and what God has done for you.

**Read – Titus 3:1-8**

Let’s take a closer look

**Remember your life before Jesus**

**Titus 3:3**

* Think back, what was your vice? What was your life like? Take a walk down the road again - remember how foolish you were - your attitude, Actions.
* If you are a Christian share what your life was like before you became a Christian and how you became a Christian? Have different people share – share your Jesus story.
* If you are not a Christian think for just a moment about how Jesus would affect your life?
	+ **Never forget the road you traveled to get here**

**Romans 6:5-7, Ephesians 2:1-3, Ephesians 4:21-23, Galatians 2:20**

* What do you think these verses tell us about our old life before Jesus?
	+ **Never forget that following Jesus is to follow a new path for our life**
	+ **Never forget what eternity looks like without Jesus**

**1 Corinthians 6:9-11**

* What does this tell us about those who live in a lifestyle of sin?
* What does this verse tell us about coming out of a life of sin?
* Howe this verse tell us there I hope for anyone?
	+ **Never forget those around you who have yet to know Jesus**
* How does remembering what you were like before Jesus, help us to have grace and patience with those who have not met Jesus yet? (Because we know what it’s like to be lost and in need.)

**Remember the price that was paid by Jesus**

**Titus 3:4-7**

* What stand out to you as you read that?
* What are some words in that passage that stick out to you?
* Are there any words you are unsure of what they mean?

**Small words – big meaning!** (leader discuss each word – create questions)

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* Do those words sound religious? Are they ever misused?
* How did Jesus accomplish our salvation? On the cross & resurrection - Spend some time discussing the cross of Jesus and the price that was paid.

**Titus 3:3-4**

* Based on verse 3-4 do we deserve salvation? Why?
	+ **Never forget you cannot earn God’s salvation**
* **Never forget we are saved by God’s loving kindness!**

It is only through his grace and mercy

* Who can be “saved”? (anyone)
* **Never forget Jesus can save anyone**
* How can someone be “saved” according to the following verses?

John 14:6, 2 Corinthians 5:17, John 1:12, John 3:3, 16-18, Luke 9:23-25

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