



Imagine living in a culture where dishonesty and deception are accepted as normal. Imagine living in a culture where evil is rampant. Imagine living in a culture where people are known for laziness and gluttony. How would a Christian person, family, or church ever hope to influence a culture like this rather than become like it? Find out as we walk through the book of Titus in this new series called “Influence,” and learn how the gospel transforms us into people who are eager to do what is good!

Discussion Questions: (Leaders please review each question and pick those that will be most beneficial for your group.)

1. Would you agree that “Christianity has a credibility problem” in our culture? Explain.
2. Read Titus 2:9-10. Christianity had a credibility problem on the island of Crete. That’s why Paul told Titus to teach specific groups of people specific ways to live out the gospel. The last group he addressed is slaves. Even though, thankfully, our situation today is not the same as slavery in the Roman Empire, all of us still find ourselves working under someone’s authority in the workplace or at school. Whose authority do you serve under?
3. As Christ-followers we must learn to live out the gospel in the workplace and school. V.9 says that those under authority must “be subject to their masters in everything.” Does “everything” really mean everything? Are there ever exceptions to this rule? Explain.
4. Looking at the 5 specific ways we must live out the gospel in relationship to those in authority over us (vv.9-10a), evaluate your performance in the following areas:
 - How well do you submit to your boss or teacher(s) in everything?
 - Do you strive to please your boss, not so you look good, but to make them look good?
 - How do you speak to/about those in authority over you – are you argumentative, sarcastic and grumbling?
 - Do you ever steal (time, money, resources) by justifying that you’ve earned it or that it won’t be missed?
 - By your actions do you show that you are fully trustworthy and dependable?
5. The reason we must learn to live out the gospel in these ways is “to make the teaching about God our Savior attractive” to those around us. Are there specific areas where you have not done this and need to confess your sins first to God and to then to those in authority over you? Do you need to go to your school or employer to make restitution?
6. The gospel is beautiful. If you are a Christ-follower, then you are called to reflect the beauty of the gospel that has transformed you. Choose one area in your life that needs improvement. How you will change how you live to better reflect the beauty of the gospel? Just like we prayed for God to help the Abraham family to glorify Him in the way they live in Sierra Leon, ask God to help you live a missional life at school or in the workplace.