

## Let's Talk: Day 85

Today's Reading: Titus 1 / Family Focus: verses 5-9

Just like Timothy was setting up church leadership in Ephesus, so Titus is doing the same on the island of Crete. This reading closely resembles that of Day 74. Before you read today, what traits can you remember a Christian leader should possess? Write a letter or draw a picture for one of your pastors at church. Thank them for all they do!

Questions:

1. According to today's reading, what are some qualities of a pastor, bishop and/or elder?
2. Do you think you have the qualities to be a pastor/bishop/elder? Why or why not?
3. At which of these traits do you and/or your family excel? How do you put them to use?
4. Is there a family, pastor or other leader at church that you think of when you read these traits?

## Let's Talk: Day 86

Today's Reading: Titus 2 / Family Focus: all verses

In this chapter Paul tells Titus how to help coach and lead the different groups within the church. What are all the groups that you belong to [at school, sports, other extra curricular activities, church, family etc.]? How does each group have different defining characteristics?

Questions:

1. What are some of the characteristics that the older men and women should possess?
2. What is one of the jobs of an older woman at church? Why are they the best people for this job?
3. What are some qualities that young men should possess?

4. What should we be looking for and what motivates us to live for Jesus?

## **Let's Talk: Day 87**

Today's Reading: Titus 3 / Family Focus: verses 1-11

Cut out a heart from a piece of paper and write Jesus' name on one side. On the other side write or draw a picture of something you have done to show God how much you love Him. You can use the examples found in verses one and two or think of your own.

Questions:

1. What should our attitude be toward those in authority over us? What if they aren't good leaders? How should we use our words? What if people aren't kind to us? How are you doing in these areas?
2. We are not saved by what? How are we saved?
3. God's love changes us and others around us. What can you do this week to show God's love at school? At home? With your friends?
4. What should we avoid? Why?

## **Let's Talk: Day 88**

Today's Reading: Philemon 1 / Family Focus: verses 4-7

Paul thanks God for Philemon and how he is living out his faith. It is important to acknowledge the good things we see in each other because of who we are in Jesus. Give each family member a chance to say what he or she appreciates in the rest of the family. How do your family members encourage you to live for Jesus, either by their words or actions?

Questions:

1. What was Paul thankful for hearing about?
2. Who has been refreshed because of Philemon's love?
3. God wants us to be thankful for all those people in our life. Can you name others for whom you are thankful? What about them is special?

4. Our faith is communicated more effectively when we live it, not just say it. How are you living out your faith this week?

## **Let's Talk: Day 89**

Today's Reading: Mark 1 / Family Focus: verses 1-8

Make a fun bug snack to remind us of what John the Baptist ate in the wilderness. Cut celery sticks in 3-4 inch long sections, add peanut butter (and/or honey), and raisins as ants to make Ants on a Log. For more "buggy" recipes check out this website: <http://www.ca.uky.edu/entomology/dept/bugfood3.asp>

Questions:

1. What was John the Baptist's job? What was his message?
2. What will Jesus baptize with?
3. Do you think people took John seriously, being dressed the way he was and living the life he lived?
4. If you saw someone like this right now in this time what would you think?

## **Let's Talk: Day 90**

Today's Reading: Malachi 3 / Family Focus: verse 1

Today's reading was referenced in yesterday's reading of Mark 1. After last night's discussion, talk about what you could have said if you were the messenger (what would you tell others about Jesus?). What is holding you back from saying it now to those around you and in your life?

Questions:

1. Who is the messenger that is talked about in Malachi?
2. Not only was Jesus prophesied about hundreds of years before He came to earth, John's job was also foretold. Do you think John knew and understood about his role in declaring the name of Jesus?
3. How did John prepare the way for Jesus?
4. Bonus question: Explain the family relationship between Jesus and John the Baptist.

## Let's Talk: Day 91

Today's Reading: Today is the weekly OFF day

Mystery Question for the upcoming week: What did Jesus say to the disciples during the storm at sea?

Talk about what Jesus has done in the life of your own family. Challenge each other to share these things with your friends, as Jesus tells us in Mark 5:19:

*"However, Jesus did not permit him, but said to him, 'Go home to your friends, and tell them what great things the Lord has done for you, and how He has had compassion on you.'"*