



The Church's Hope

Titus 2:13-15

INTRODUCTION

Paul explains we live between the two appearances of the Lord Jesus. His past appearing of grace and his future appearing of glory. Both those appearances should impact our lives in the present. It is the push and pull of Christianity

INSTRUCTIONS

This guide is meant to facilitate discussion which will lead to a response to God's word. Therefore please use it as tool that best fits the needs of your community group.

OPENING DISCUSSION

- What was your biggest take away from the sermon?
- Are you waiting for the blessed hope? Why or why not?

REVIEW

- Have someone read **Titus 2.11-14**
- Why is the coming of the Lord Jesus emphasized so frequently in the NT?
- What does he mean that this future appearing will be glorious? Glorious in what way(s)?
- How does hoping in the return of Christ make us more active in this life, not less active?
- What would zealous for good works look like?

APPLICATION

- What impacts your Christian life more: the push of gratitude for past grace or the pull of hope for future glory?
- How does the fact that you are God's "possession" encourage you? How does this idea emphasize God's part in your sanctification?
- What security do you find in this passage?
- What can you do to become more zealous for good works?
- Think about what is best and what is hardest about your life. How does knowing you live between grace and glory shape your attitude toward those things?
- Which temptations don't gleam so bright to you when you set them alongside the glory you are heading for?

PRAYER (divide the group based on gender if desired)

- What action/repentance does God want you to take according to the truths of this text?
- Are there any other prayer needs?