

Transforming a Nation July 6-28

Tagline: A how-to guide on living out the Gospel

Focus: The principles of living out the Christian life

Feel: Hopeful and inspiring

Why this series now: With our most engaged typically maintaining regular attendance during the summer months, we have the opportunity to take a closer look at just one book of a Bible. This summer it's Titus.

Response Areas: No

Invite Pitch: Do you shake your head and wonder out loud with your neighbors and friends - what in the world is going on? From anger and division in the culture wars to the corruption, deceit and crazy headlines, there's no escaping it. And when you start to look for answers - in church, in politics, or online- the answer doesn't seem to get any clearer. As Christians, the added layer is that it seems people use the Bible to defend all sorts of opposing positions. This isn't new, but what do we do about it now? Each summer we like to take a more intentional look at a portion of the Bible, and this July we'll be staying in a book called Titus. Titus was a first century church leader who experienced competing and conflicting cultural clashes, not all that different from what we experience today. So this July let's see if the insights there can help us understand what it means to be raised up for the good of a nation.

Memory Verse: Titus 2:14, "He [Jesus] gave his life to free us from every kind of sin, to cleanse us, and to make us his very own people, totally committed to doing good deeds."

Weekly Topics and Content Goal:

Week 1: July 6/7, Baptisms, Ben

Focus: Begin with the end in mind

Week 2: July 13/14, Ben

Focus: Speed of the Leader

Week 3: July 21, Serve Day, Andy, No Saturday Service due to Serve Day

Focus: The gospel's impact on our community

Week 4: July 27/28, Andy

Focus: It's all about Jesus

Series Goals:

Goal: Reading plan for Titus

Approach:

- Text in reading plan, M-F
 - Week 1: Read Chapter 1 each day
 - Week 2: Read Chapter 2 each day
 - Week 3: Read Chapter 3 each day
 - Week 4: Read all 3 chapters each day

How will we measure this?

- 15% of weekend attendance participates
 - Past marker: 9% for Colossians, 14% for Losing my Religion
 - Actual number will also be tracked for comparison to past reading plans

Ministry Calendar and Holidays:

July 1-20 Back to School Collection
 July 5-7 High School Camp
 July 8-12 Fusion Camp
 July 20 Serve Day
 July 20-21 Groups Semester Ends
 July 28 Group Leader Training
 July 28-August 2 High School Mission Trip
 July 29 Internship Begins
 August 1 Findlay New Campus Soft Openings Begin

Series Resources:

Next Steps

Titus by Mike Ackerman - RightNow Media

Family Ministries

Students:

Know God devotion [for](#) students!

Kids:

[Raising resilient kids in a tough world](#)

Importance/Life-change that comes from serving:

- <https://theparentcue.org/3-ways-to-teach-your-kids-to-be-servant-hearted/>
- Chore Chart
https://theparentcue.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/PC21_WorkKidsCanDo_ChoreChart.pdf