STUDY GUIDE

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[setting it up]

Share about your first memory being in church.

[digging deeper]

Write down a one-sentence definition of "Church" and then after a minute, share your definitions with your group.

Spend a minute sharing, or even writing your "fill in the blank" answers to the statements below:

The church is _____

Give a few examples of how you have seen these words lived out in relation to the church.

The church is not ______

Give a few examples of how you have seen these words lived out in relation to the church.

Watch this small 8-minute video introducing the book of Titus from the Bible Project <u>https://bibleproject.com/explore/titus/</u> or <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PUEYCVXJM3k</u>

Based on this brief video, why would Titus be a helpful book to study when it comes to the church?

Read the passage from this last weekend - Titus 1:1-4

What really stood out to you from the message last weekend? Which verse is still sticking with you from the message and why?

One of the most difficult words/parts of this text is "elect." What is your understanding of the doctrine of election?

Read these verses for some more understanding.

John 15:16 Ephesians 1:4-5 Acts 13:48 Romans 9:9-18

How does election give you peace and security? How does election bother you? How do you reconcile your faith and trust in God with what bothers you?

For an additional brief overview on this doctrine, check this link out: <u>https://www.gotquestions.org/elect-of-God.html</u>

What else stands out from Titus 1:1-4 that encourages you or gives you insight into God's people/the church?

[living it out]

Take a minute to answer these two questions then share your answers with your group:

- 1. What is my greatest takeaway from these verses/this study?
- 2. How will I convert this information into application?

Close in prayer. Use Titus 1:1 as a prayer template and then continue to pray beyond it as God puts prayer targets on your heart. Please continue to keep our nation and our church in your prayers during the dynamics of this election season.