

# June 26 Discussion Questions "Raise a Generation"

### **PREVIEW**

"To Titus, my true child in a common faith... This is why I left you in Crete, so that you might put what remained into order and appoint elders in every town." Titus 1:4-5

# **How to Empower Next Generation Leaders:**

- 1. Customize Training for each **Individual** (v. 2-6,9-10)
- 2. Connect **Life Stage** Mentors (v. 2-6)
  - o Discipleship is the intentional **Training** of another believer
  - o Mentoring is the long-term **Influence** that sometimes results
- 3. Communicate **the Gospel** as the power to change (v. 11-14)

"For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives, waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, who gave

himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession, who are zealous for good works." Titus 2:11-14

# **OPENING QUESTION**

- 1. Who is someone who trained you to do something really well? What about their approach was so helpful?
- 2. Why is learning knowledge different from training? Which is more effective?

**PRAY** - Pray for God's blessing on your conversation - to illuminate your minds, transform your hearts, and draw you closer together as a group.

**READ** — Titus 2:1-15

#### **EXPLORE**

- 3. What training is taking place in these verses?
- 4. What qualities are they training to possess?
- 5. What stood out to you from this passage? Why?

## **DISCUSS**

- 6. Give an example of a quality here that cannot merely be taught but requires training? Do you have a personal story for example?
- 7. In what ways are your kids different? How has this impacted the way you train them? What does this teach us about the way we train disciples outside our family?
- 8. How is discipleship different from mentorship? Give an example.
- 9. When you observe Oakwood Church, to what degree are we discipling and mentoring the younger generation? What needs to change?
- 10. What encouraging phrases do we share with others in the name of wisdom but are actually sub-Gospel? Why is the Gospel essential for deep transformation? Give an example.

## **APPLY**

- 11. How might you change the way you give advance so it is enriched in the Gospel?
- 12. How is God tugging on your heart as a result of this study?
- 13. Is there anyone God is laying on your heart to disciple or be discipled by?

## **PRAY**

• <u>Personal Request</u>: Pray the older generation will be willing and available to invest in the younger generation.

•	Ministry: Pray that Oakwood will be part of a disciple-making movement that spreads from Tampa Bay to the ends of the earth.