







week 02 Step into the Arena Titus 1:5-9

session overview

Theme: God calls the church to raise up transformational leaders, those formed by Christ, grounded in truth, and proven in the home. What's true of church leaders should be true of spiritual fathers in every home.

opening prayer (2 min)

Example: "Lord, thank You for calling us not just to attend church, but to be Your church. Help us see the weight and beauty of godly leadership. Make us a people who lead with love, serve with integrity, and speak truth in a complex and confusing culture. Empower us through Your Spirit to step into the arena. In Jesus' name, Amen."

highlights (15 min)

Intro Reflection:

- Have you ever been in a place, at work, in family, or in church, where leadership was absent or unhealthy? What happened?
- Why do you think godly leadership is so often neglected or misunderstood today?

Key Quote to Discuss:

"The lighthouse didn't fail because it wasn't designed well; it failed because no one was on duty."

time to consider (30 min)

Read Aloud: Titus 1:5-9

Paul gives Titus a mandate: raise spiritual leaders to guide the church and reflect the character of Christ. Leadership isn't about style, talent, or platform; it's about being transformed by the gospel in every area of life.

1. God's Leaders Are Proven in the Home

"If you can't lead your home, you're not ready to lead the church."

- A church leader must be a "one-woman man", faithful in his marriage.
- He must raise faithful children, demonstrating discipleship in the home.

discussion questions

- What's the difference between knowing Scripture and holding firm to it?
- Why is courage in teaching and correcting so important today?
- In what ways have you been tempted to compromise truth for comfort?

2. God's Leaders Live With Godly Character

"Charisma fades. Character endures."

- Leaders must be above reproach, not perfect, but not open to valid moral accusations.
- Paul lists things that disqualify leaders (arrogance, anger, addiction) and marks of spiritual maturity (hospitality, holiness, discipline).

discussion questions

- Which of these positive traits stands out to you the most, and why?
- Why is character more important than talent in leadership?
- How do we cultivate these traits in ourselves and others?



3. God's Leaders Are Grounded in Truth

"Know the Word. Live the Word. Give the Word."

- Leaders must "hold firm to the trustworthy word" and be able to teach sound doctrine.
- They must also be willing to confront false teaching with truth and grace.

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missional living (20 min)

Living It Out:

- Where are you currently being called to "step into the arena"? In your family? Church? Workplace?
- Who is someone in your life that you can start discipling or spiritually investing in this season?
- What character trait listed in Titus 1 do you want to ask God to grow in your life?

Challenge:

Identify one area in your life where you've been passive in leadership. This week, take a tangible step to lead with courage and integrity.

reach our world (10 min)

Prayer Focus:

- For Pray for Awaken Las Vegas to raise up humble, Spirit-formed, truth-loving leaders.
- Pray for men in the church to lead well in their homes and reflect Christ daily.
- Ask God to protect the church from cultural confusion and to make it a lighthouse of clarity and hope.

closing prayer (10 min)

Declare Together:

"Lord, make us faithful, form us into leaders, and help us to keep the light burning for our families, our church, and our city."

Closing Scripture Reading:

1 Timothy 3:15 – "...the church of the living God, a pillar and buttress of the truth."

final takeaways

- Posture God doesn't need your platform. He wants your faithfulness.
- Community—You're not meant to lead alone; stay rooted in spiritual family.
- Conviction Don't wait to feel ready. Step into the arena with trust in Christ.

memory verse

"He must hold firm to the trustworthy word as taught, so that he may be able to give instruction in sound doctrine and also to rebuke those who contradict it."

Titus 1:9