









session overview

Theme: In a world of spiritual confusion and deceptive ideologies, the Church must be a place of truth, clarity, and courageous leadership. God calls His people, especially leaders, to guard the gospel and protect the flock from teaching that distorts, divides, or deceives.

opening prayer (2 min)

Example: "Father, thank You for the truth of Your Word that anchors us in a world of confusion. Help us to love what is true, to recognize what is false, and to walk faithfully with You. Grow us into people who speak truth in love and protect what matters most. In Jesus' name, Amen."

highlights (15 min)

Intro Reflection:

- Have you ever believed something that sounded spiritual but turned out to be unbiblical? What helped you see the truth?
- Why do you think guarding doctrine is often neglected in the modern church?

Key Quote to Discuss:

"Love doesn't just comfort, it defends. And when the truth is under attack, love stands up, speaks up, and stays the course."

time to consider (30 min)

Read Aloud: Titus 1:10-16

Paul warns Titus that false teachers are undermining faith and disrupting families. Their teaching sounds spiritual but lacks substance and truth. Good leaders must not only teach sound doctrine but also protect people from distortion.

1. False Teaching Weakens Faith

- Paul describes the danger of insubordinate voices, empty talkers, and deceivers.
- These people aren't just confused, they're persuasive and harmful.

discussion questions

- Why do you think false ideas often spread faster than sound doctrine?
- What are some ways false teaching sneaks into the church today?
- How can we grow in discernment without becoming judgmental?

2. What We Believe Shapes How We Live

- Paul links spiritual deception to broken relationships and distorted lives.
- Sound doctrine leads to freedom; false doctrine leads to confusion.

discussion questions

- How does truth actually protect people?
- What are some lies Christians are tempted to believe in our culture?
- How can we gently help others recognize and reject spiritual counterfeits?



3. Godly Leaders Guard the Church

- Paul doesn't call for passive tolerance but courageous correction.
- Shepherds must speak with both love and clarity for the good of the flock.

discussion questions

- Why is it sometimes hard to speak up against harmful ideas?
- What does "speaking the truth in love" look like in practice?
- How can we support our leaders in guarding the church?

missional living (20 min)

Living It Out:

- Commit to deepening your understanding of Scripture.
- · Pray regularly for spiritual discernment and clarity.
- Be a voice of truth in your circles with humility and courage.

Challenge:

Identify one area of your life where you've been unclear or passive in guarding truth. This week, take one step toward greater faithfulness in that area.

reach our world (10 min)

Prayer Focus:

- Pray that Awaken Las Vegas will be a church rooted in truth and rich in grace.
- Ask God to raise up leaders who boldly guard and teach the gospel.
- Pray for discernment and protection for the church in a culture full of spiritual distortion.

closing prayer (10 min)

Declare Together:

"Lord, help us to hold fast to the truth, to love others with grace, and to live lives that reflect Your gospel. Make us a people who guard what is good and lead others in Your ways."

Closing Scripture Reading:

Titus 1:9 – "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."

final takeaways

- **Posture** Be alert, not anxious. God has equipped us for truth.
- Community Truth grows best in spiritual family.
- Conviction Love protects, and love tells the truth.

memory verse

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Titus 1:9