Introduction: There’s hope for your community.

3 Questions:

1. What has the power to convince your neighbors, friends, and co-workers that God’s Word is true?

2. What has the power to restore your credibility and influence as a follower of Christ?

3. What has the power to make your neighbors, friends, and co-workers want to explore a personal relationship with Jesus Christ?

1 Answer for all 3:

DOING GOOD in your home, at your work, and in your ________________________.
What does it look like for Christians to live like Christians?

For you, in your community? Titus 3:1-2

1. Obey the _____________________________. Romans 13:7
   - “submit to rulers and authority”

2. Serve your ___________________________. Galatians 6:10
   - “ready to do whatever is good”

3. Guard your ___________________________. Ephesians 4:29
   - “slander no one”

4. Refuse to ___________________________. Romans 12:17-18
   - “be peaceable” (literally a “non-fighter”)

5. Be ___________________________ and forbearing. James 3:17
   - “be considerate, gentle, willing to yield one’s rights”
   I Peter 2:18-25

6. Treat everyone like a ___________________________. Philippians 2:3-4
   - “show yourself humble to all men”
Why must we DO GOOD in our communities? Titus 3:3-8

1. Because our ___________ ___________ demands we ___________. Titus 3:3
   - “we were foolish, disobedient, deceive, enslaved…”

2. Because our ___________ ___________ demands we ___________. Titus 3:4-7
   - The divine intervention: He ____________________________ us! Titus 3:4
   - The basis of our salvation.
     - “… not by works of righteousness we have done.”
     - “but according to His mercy He saved us.”
   - The means of our salvation.
     - “by the washing of regeneration”
     - “by the renewing of the Holy Spirit”
   - The result of our salvation.
     1) A new standing before God.
     2) A new future with God.
     3) A new mandate from God.
A final word to Titus

1. Don’t get distracted
2. Don’t allow division
3. Do come quickly

The Big Idea: Our people must learn to ______________ themselves to _______________ ________________.

Discussion Questions:

1. How would Christians be perceived in our world if we obeyed verses 1-2 of chapter 3?

2. Which of the six commands, with regard to DOING GOOD in your community, is the most difficult for you? Why?

3. What is the experiential motivation to DO GOOD in your community (verse 3:3)?

What is the theological motivation (verses 3:4-8)?

4. What behavior/attitude do you need to address to represent Christ in your world?

5. How can a person know he/she is saved?