



## **Important Priorities as We Say Goodbye**

**Titus 3:12-15**

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### **The Text: Titus 3:12-15**

*<sup>12</sup> When I send Artemas or Tychicus to you, do your best to come to me at Nicopolis, for I have decided to spend the winter there. <sup>13</sup> Do your best to speed Zenas the lawyer and Apollos on their way; see that they lack nothing. <sup>14</sup> And let our people learn to devote themselves to good works, so as to help cases of urgent need, and not be unfruitful. <sup>15</sup> All who are with me send greetings to you. Greet those who love us in the faith.*

### **What can we learn from greetings and goodbyes?**

### **The priority of people:**

### **The importance of faith in action:**

## Small Group Questions

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- 1) Starter question: Describe a significant “hello” or “goodbye” from your life, and why it had an impact on you.
- 2) Read the text aloud and discuss together any significant observations or issues needing clarification.
- 3) Paul often shows his priority of people in his greetings and goodbyes, and it is no different in Titus. What seasons or circumstances make it easier for you to prioritize people?
- 4) What seasons or circumstances can threaten your ability to prioritize people?
- 5) What are some ideas about how you could pull your attention back on track during the seasons where you are disconnected?
- 6) Verse 14 challenges believers to devote themselves to being intentionally helpful with good works. How easy or challenging is it to keep this sort of priority in your life?
- 7) Being “unfruitful” is spoken of as the opposite of devoting ourselves to helpful good works. What does the term “unfruitful” bring to mind for you?
- 8) If you took an honest inventory of how fruitful you have been lately with your faith in action, what kind of fruit would you have?
- 9) What are some ways that you think God may be calling you to be more fruitful?