

# This is CL

Foundation verses from the book of Titus

Titus 1:4,5 ESV To Titus, my true child in a common faith: Grace and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Savior. **5** This is why I left you in Crete, so that you might put what remained into order...

The people of Crete were known for their laziness and the godlessness.

1:12 Paul quotes one of their own poets: One of the Cretans, a prophet of their own, said, “Cretans are always liars, evil beasts, lazy gluttons.” **13** This testimony is true...

## Paul tells Titus to put some things in order because...

Titus 2:11-14 NLT “... the grace of God has been revealed, bringing salvation to all people. **12** And we are instructed to turn from godless living and sinful pleasures. We should live in this evil world with wisdom, righteousness, and devotion to God, **13** while we look forward with hope to that wonderful day when the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ, will be revealed.

**14** He gave his life to free us from every kind of sin, to cleanse us, and to make us his very own people, totally committed to doing good deeds.

They are more than Cretans, not just islanders, they are **HIS VERY OWN PEOPLE...** a people who know God.

**This is Us!** A People for His Own Possession.

## What Kind of People Should We Be?

- 1) People who **Know God**.
- 2) People who **Find Freedom**. (v. 14) “He gave his life to free us **from every kind of sin...**”
- 3) People who **Discover Purpose**. (v.12) “turn from godless living” to live now with god-filled “wisdom, righteousness and devotion to God”
- 4) People who **Make an Impact**. (v. 14) “... fully committed to doing good deeds.”

## People Who Know God

Eph. 1:16-17 (Msg) “... I couldn’t stop thanking God for you—every time I prayed, I’d think of you and give thanks. But I do more than thank. I ask—ask the God of our Master, Jesus Christ, the God of glory—to make you intelligent and discerning in knowing him personally...”

- 1) It is possible to have a belief in God and not know Jesus personally.

John 14:1 “Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me.”

It is impossible to Know God without knowing Jesus.

John 14:6,7 (NIV) Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. **7** If you really know me, you will know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him."

2) Jesus is always wanting to know you more.

3.20 NIV Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with that person, and they with me.

Note this message was to church going people. Jesus says, open up let me in. Let me sit at your table.

3) To Know God, we need to know 3 things: His Voice; His Heart; His Power!

a) Know His Voice.

John 10:27,28 My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. **28** I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand.

i) We all have a "knower". It is our spirit.

ii) He speaks to us in our knower through:

(1) His Word – if you are new to the faith, get into the Gospels. WORD

(2) The Spirit – Next month, I am going to do a series on the Holy Spirit.

(3) The Actions of Others.

b) Know His Heart.

In Luke 15 we find 3 parables of lost things. (lost coin, the lost son and the lost sheep)

i) When you lose something of value, nothing else matters.

ii) The lost sheep story, it shows us God's heart.

Luke 15:4-6 "What man of you, having a hundred sheep, if he has lost one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the open country, and go after the one that is lost, until he finds it? **5** And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders, rejoicing. **6** And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and his neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.'

c) Know His Power.

John 4 woman at the well.

i) She heard his voice.

ii) She saw his heart.

iii) She experienced his power.

John 4:42 NLT Then they said to the woman, "Now we believe, not just because of what you told us, but because we have heard him ourselves. Now we know that he is indeed the Savior of the world."

## The CL Vision

### Step One – Know God

- 1) We want to see people experience God's saving power Jesus.
- 2) 3 Priorities for US.

Because God cares about the lost sons and daughters.

- a) We want people to Know his Voice.
  - i) God speaks through the Word, and through the Spirit, but also through the **actions of others**.
  - ii) It might be somebody's ONE BIG DAY.  
Treat every Day like its somebody's ONE BIG DAY.  
Remove the Noise so they can Hear God's Voice.
- b) We want people to Know his Heart.
  - i) It's really not about you anymore.
  - ii) It's about those who have not come in yet!

**Can you GIVE UP YOUR SPOT in line to help people know God?**

- c) We want people to Know his Power
  - i) The transforming power of Jesus.
  - ii) YOUR Village needs to HEAR YOUR VOICE. Your testimony!

Invite your friends to Sunday Morning

My commitment to you:

- (a) This church will represent the heart of God with kindness and excellence.
- (b) We will give people a chance to get saved every meeting from here on out.
- (c) We will follow up with them faithfully and help them grow.