

MOOREBANK & HAMMONDVILLE ANGLICAN CHURCH

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION OR REFLECTION

Bible Passage: Titus 1

What does the expression “you can know a tree by its fruit” mean? When it comes to our political and pop-culture leaders, is this expression true? What does our society think about this?

Read Titus 1.

- 1) What do we know about Paul’s relationship with Titus (2 Cor 2:13; 7:6, 13–14; 8:6, 16–17, 23; 12:18; Gal 2:1, 3; 2 Tim 4:10)? Where is Titus and why is he there?
- 2) In vv. 1-3 Paul reminds us that God promised eternal life before the creation of the world, and has now brought it about. What is Paul’s part to play in this plan? What does this tell us about who Paul is?
- 3) In vv. 6-9 Paul lays down the qualifications for what an elder should be like. What is an elder? Who are the elders in our church?
- 4) What qualifications do you think an elder should have?
- 5) Compare your list with that in Titus. What are the similarities and differences? Why do you think Paul picks these qualifications amongst all the options for what Titus should be looking for?
- 6) These criteria should not just be applied to ministers, but also to other teaching positions such as bible study leaders and youth/children leaders as well? What part can we all play in ensuring we have the right people in these roles?
- 7) What do we learn about the false teachers from vv. 10-16?
- 8) What response is Titus supposed to have to these false teachers? What might this look like in practice?
- 9) Consider the following relationships in life:

a) Who we date	e) Who we look up to
b) Who we marry	f) Who we vote for
c) Who we befriend	g) Who is our minister
d) Who we work for	

For each, discuss what impact the idea that “a tree is known by its fruit” has on whom we engage in with these relationships with.