

## Firmly Rooted Teaching

### Overview

This passage from Titus helps us understand that the church is not a building or an event; it's a gathering of disciples who are growing as disciples and making disciples together. "Church" is about older men and women setting an example that is worth following. It is about younger women learning how to do family life from those who have already been there. It is younger men growing in self-control and living with purpose. It is even about those with controlling bosses living out the gospel in the way they do their work. And when the church lives out this "sound doctrine" in everyday life, it makes the gospel attractive to those who are not yet believers.

### Outline

**1. What Is "Church"?**

*The essence of "church" is not structures, organizations, or programs. It is people disciplining people with the gospel.*

**2. What Is "Sound Doctrine"?**

*"Sound doctrine" is simply "healthy teaching"—teaching that flows from what is true and results in what is good.*

**3. What Makes the Gospel Attractive?**

*Knowing and following Jesus should fundamentally change how we live. Believing the gospel shows up in very real, practical, down-to-earth ways in our everyday lives.*

### Reflection Questions

(Adapted from Chester, *Titus for You*, and Akin, *Christ-Centered Exposition: Titus*)

1. In what ways do you tend to think of "church" as a building or location? As a service or event?
2. What is "sound doctrine"?
3. Which "group" from Titus 2 most relates to your current season of life? How do Paul's words encourage and challenge you?
4. If you are older, how are you investing yourself in those who are younger than you?
5. If you are younger, how are you respecting and learning from those who are older?
6. What do older mentors offer that is different from what peers can provide?
7. Why is the triad of faith, love, and steadfastness (or hope) a good measure for spiritual health? Which is currently flourishing in your life? Which needs attention?
8. How can you make the gospel attractive at home, at work, or at school this week?