

DISCUSSION GUIDE

The Qualities of a Real Man
Titus—Wk 2

ICEBREAKER: Do you think religion should be a private matter? Why or why not?

OVERVIEW: Who comes to mind when you think of a “real man”? What kinds of qualities come to mind? Unfortunately many of our culture’s ideas about manhood and masculinity do not have anything to do with real manhood. But the Bible does not leave us in the dark. In Titus 1 God gives us a lengthy, detailed description of the qualities of a real man. In this discussion we will go deeper in our understanding of real manhood so that men can know how to behave, and women can know how to encourage them, all to the glory of God.

1. **Read Titus 1:6-9.** What insight, principle, or observation from this weekend’s message did you find to be the most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling? Explain. (Or what was your key takeaway from Sunday’s message?)
2. Finish the statement: “Society thinks a real man is _____.” How does this definition compare to the picture of manhood painted in Titus 1:6-9? Explain.
3. Read Matthew 5:27-28. The first quality of a real man is “the husband of one wife,” or a man who is sexually faithful to his wife (Titus 1:6). What does Jesus’ words in Matthew 5 say about sexual faithfulness? How does Jesus’ view of sexual faithfulness conflict with society’s view?
4. The second quality of a real man is “faithful children who are not accused of wildness or rebellion,” or children who are obedient and submissive to their father (Titus 1:6). What are the challenges and roadblocks to raising faithful children in our society today?

5. Notice that the first two qualities of a real man have to do with family, indicating that a real man prioritizes his family before everything else except God. What are some practical ways that a man can prioritize his marriage and family?
6. Read Titus 1:7. What are the five vices in this verse? Is this how the world views real manhood? Explain.
7. Read Titus 1:8-9. What are the six virtues in this passage? “Holding to the faithful message” means knowing, believing, and obeying the Bible. Why is this a requirement for real manhood?
8. Of the thirteen qualities of real manhood, which is the most lacking among men in our society today? Why do think this is the case?
9. Of the thirteen qualities, which do you need to work on the most? Explain.

The Last Word: Don’t let the world tell you what a real man is. Get your definition of manhood from the Bible. God created man, and He knows what manhood is all about.