Sermon Discussion – 4 October 2026

Read *Titus 1:1-4*

Getting Started

Beyond career or worldly success, how do you personally define living a life that makes a difference?

Think about a time someone served you in a way that was messy, inconvenient, or humble (like helping you move, cleaning up a disaster, or staying up late to care for you). What impression did that act leave on you?

Group Discussion

- Paul opens by calling himself a "servant" (*doulos* which means slave or bondservant) of God. Why is the identity of a servant so counter-cultural today? What is one area of life where you find it hard to "go low" and serve without needing recognition? For reference, read John 13:2-5.

- Paul is also an "apostle" (a sent one). While Paul held a specific foundational office, all believers share in the general calling of being "sent ones" commissioned to proclaim God's eternal truth. What prevents us as Christians from stepping into our estates, neighbourhoods or workplaces as "sent ones"?

- How do these two titles (servant and apostle) balance humility and authority? In what areas of your life do you need to operate with more humility, and where do you need to step up with godly authority?

- In v. 4, Paul calls Titus his "true child in a common faith." How does having deep, spiritual brotherhood/sisterhood strengthen us when God calls us to serve in hard or challenging environments?

Personal Reflection

- Jesus demonstrated humility by washing His disciples' feet. What is a "dirty feet" task in your home, workplace, or church that you have been avoiding or assuming someone else should do? How can you humbly step into that need this week?

- Being a *doulos* means having no agenda of your own that overrides God's commands. Is there an area of your life (finances, career plans, calendar, or relationships) where you are still acting as your own master rather than Christ's servant? If so, which one?