

Maximising Healthy Distinction

(Titus 1:1-16)

1. Have you ever felt frustrated by someone's response when they discovered that you were a Christian or went to church?
2. The church in Crete had a distinction problem. Which of the following issues is more difficult for the church to navigate in your context and why?
 - a. Not being distinctive
 - b. Distinctive for the wrong reasons
3. How do you think a secular prophet would describe the people of your town?

Three Ways to Maximise Healthy Distinction

(Titus 2:1-14)

1: Be CLEAR

- a) "*Why* unites, *How* and *What* divide." How have you seen the truth of this statement play out in your family, workplace...church?
- b) What are some ways that we can deliberately avoid meaningless talk? (Titus 1:10)

2: Be CONSISTENT

- a) Have you ever been or are you been in a position where people are waiting to call you out on hypocrisy? How could you work this in your favour?
- b) "*Time* gives credibility to character." What is an action you need to take more consistently to make it credible in the eyes of others?

3: Be COMPELLING

- a) What do people see in your life that they want?
- b) Have you been experiencing and expressing joy recently? Why or why not?

Action Steps:

1. Which of the three ways do you need to work on this week?
2. What do you need to say "No" to this week?