## "Running the Race" Discipling the whole church – Titus 2:1-15

## Personal investment for Christ in the lives of others

1. The Behaviour that flows from the Gospel of grace (1-10)
"You, however, must teach what is appropriate to sound doctrine" (v.1)
Older men & women (v.2-4a)
Younger women & men (v.4b-8)
A word on slaves (v.9-10)
2. The Basis of hope in the Gospel of grace (11-15)
"For the grace of God has appeared" (v.11)
a. Grace redeems us (v.11, 14)
b. Grace reforms us (v.12, 14)
c. Grace rewards us (v.13)

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## Digging Deeper questions for small group discussion & personal reflection

Can you think of one or more Christians who have helped you in your spiritual growth? What time and effort did they invest in you? What about them did you admire? What lasting impression did they make on you?

Why can we have a tendency in church to stick together with those who are most like us (age, life stage, interests, etc)?

In what way might we limit God's intention for the church if we restrict our relationships simply to our natural groupings?

What do those who are older (in age and/or Christian maturity) have to offer those who are younger (in age and/or Christian maturity)? See verses 2-8!

What do you think is involved in personally discipling someone else? Use the symbol below to create a spider diagram of ideas for as many different elements that might make up a discipling relationship as you can think of:



Do you see a need for personal investment for Christ in each other's lives that goes beyond attending Sunday services? What and how could this happen?

What do you think PBC would look like if we wanted to prioritise "Growing lifelong disciples of Jesus Christ"? What effect would it have?