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  - a. When Christians talk about "good works" what kinds of things are they referring to?
  - b. Can a person be a "good" Christian without doing good works?
  - c. Does doing more good works make someone a "better " Christian?
  - d. Do you ever feel like you are not doing enough good as a Christian? *Explain your answers.*
- II. Read <u>Titus 2:11-14</u>. Paul here (v.14) emphasizes that Christians should be "eager to do what is good." However, good works are not the starting point.
  - a. According to verse 11, what is the starting point?
  - b. When exactly did the grace of God appear?
  - c. Who does God offer salvation to?
  - d. Take some time to read and discuss each of the following verses on salvation. Notice any references to good works in the verses you read?
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    - ii. <u>Eph. 2:8-9</u>
    - iii. <u>Titus 3:4-8</u>
    - iv. <u>Rom. 5:6-10</u>
    - v. <u>1Tim. 2:3-6</u>
- III. Finally, read <u>1 John 5:11-13</u>.
  - a. What gifts has God given us?
  - b. Where is eternal life found?
  - c. How does someone gain eternal life?
  - d. Can you know for sure that you have eternal life?
  - e. How?

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## Small Group Discussion Guide (<u>Titus 2:11-14</u>)

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