

## For the Time Being

*Titus 2:11-14*

- Christmas is over, but the world is still broken. What do we do \_\_\_\_\_?
- For the time being, God is teaching us to resist \_\_\_\_\_.  
(Galatians 5:19-21, Colossians 3:5-8, 2 Timothy 3:1-5)

### **Biblical Vices:**

Sexual Immorality; Greed & Idolatry; Divisiveness & Rebelliousness; Anger & Malice; Unforgiveness

### **Seven Deadly Sins:**

Pride, Anger, Envy, Greed, Gluttony, Lust, Sloth

- For the time being, God is teaching us to lead \_\_\_\_\_.  
(Galatians 5:22-23, Colossians 3:12-14, 2 Peter 1:5-8, Matthew 5:3-12)

### **Biblical Virtues:**

Humility, Compassion, Self-Control, Forgiveness, Forbearance, Love

### **Seven Capital Virtues:**

Humility, Patience, Kindness, Charity, Temperance, Chastity, Diligence

- For the time being, Jesus is creating a \_\_\_\_\_ who are eager to do \_\_\_\_\_.
- Doing good works means loving your \_\_\_\_\_ as yourself.
- Becoming that kind of person requires \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

### **Our New Year's Resolution:**

to be a congregation of \_\_\_\_\_ who love their \_\_\_\_\_ as we love ourselves.

### **Your New Year's Resolution**

- *What vices will you reject?*
- *What virtues will you practice?*
- *How will you be different because Jesus is born?*

## Discussion Questions

1. What did you find most interesting about the sermon this week? The most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling?
2. How was your Christmas? How do you feel now that it's over?
3. Did you make any New Year's Resolutions? Do you normally?
4. Can you relate to the feeling from the poem Pastor Matt read, about the emptiness after Christmas?
5. Look over the lists of vices in Galatians 5:19-21, Colossians 3:5-8, and 2 Timothy 3:1-5. Which vices stand out to you? Why?
6. What common themes do you recognize?
7. Look over the lists of virtues in Matthew 5:3-11, Galatians 5:22-23, Colossians 3:12-14, and 2 Peter 1:5-8. Which vices stand out to you? Why?
8. What common themes do you recognize?
9. What does it look like to "train" in rejecting vices and practicing virtues?
10. How can you commit to being more like Jesus this year?