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Small Group Questions
1 Timothy 5:1-16
September 27

Community

- What's the story behind your coolest scar or gnarliest injury?
- What insight, principle, or observation from this weekend's message did you find to be most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling? Explain.
- What is one thing you would do differently this week as a result of this message?

Core: Read 1 Timothy 5:1-16

1. Have you ever had a non-relative that you called "aunt" or "uncle," etc. though they were not? What do you think about 1 Timothy 5:1-2 that directs us to treat older men & women in the church as fathers/mothers and other men and women as brothers & sisters?
2. Would your relationships in the church change if you truly viewed other believers as brothers and sisters? In what way?
3. Verses 3-16 talk about widows and how the church should treat widows. How does this fairly detailed instruction about caring for widows inform us about God's care for these women?

4. How many different groups of widows does Paul reference? How is the church to respond to each?

5. Why do you think Paul places the primary responsibility of caring for widows or those in need on their family? What does verse 8 teach us about the seriousness of taking care of your own household? How can the church encourage families to live out this responsibility while still caring well for those who are truly in need?

6. What groups of believers in the church today are likely to need the church's financial help? How can you participate in helping to provide care for these fellow believers?

7. Why does Paul encourage younger widows to remarry? What can each of us learn from these principles?

8. Why is it important that the church show both compassion and wisdom when providing help?

9. How does this passage challenge the way our culture often thinks about generosity and responsibility?

Pray to Close