

SERMON NOTES



This week's sermon **Exposed** 1 Timothy 5:20-25

Healthy churches are those who discipline their leaders for the sake of love because they fear God more than man.

The sinning elder must have his sin exposed in the presence of all, not hidden from the church.

If not great damage, will be caused to the church and it will bring shame to the name of Jesus, His bride, and His message.

Healthy churches make every effort in being patient before selecting and laying hands on an elder.

Ultimately our hope is not in ourselves or in those who serve as pastors-elders. Our hope is in Jesus who is the Good Shepherd, who is the overseer of our souls!

Digging Deeper

Read through the book of 1 Timothy and jot down observations and anything that you have been impacted by through the preaching of this letter.

Community Group

ICEBREAKER: Share a time when something was exposed in your life that was for your best.

QUESTIONS:

- Read 1 Timothy 5:20-25 and the first and second point on the MAP.
- What is the principle for dealing with elders who are persistent in sin?
- How do most churches treat sin these days? Is this right or wrong? What should our view of sin be?
- What might cause Timothy or others to be biased when selecting elders?
- Who are elders responsible to for their selection of future elders?
- Read the third point on the front of the MAP.
- What is the principle for selecting elders?
- Read verse 24 and 25 again and discuss what applications you're able to draw from this text.
- Have you ever thought one way about someone only to realize that you were way off track?
- Read the fourth point on the front of the MAP.
- Discuss the unlimited way in which Jesus is the Good Shepherd. (Need help? Look at Psalm 23 and John 10)

PRAY:

- Pray that your elders would delight in God and that the joy of the Lord would be their strength.
- Pray that our elders would live lives of integrity before God and others.
- Pray that God would raise up more elders within Harvest Community Church.