



HTC Small Group

Discussion Questions

Sermon Title: Help Who You Should

Sermon Date: February 5, 2017

Scripture: 1 Timothy 5

Speaker: Pastor Rod Randall

1. As your group gathers for this new 9 -week session, take a few moments to introduce new attendees and catch up on what's happened since you met last.
2. How might obeying verses 1-2 dramatically improve all of our relationships?
3. Can you share an example of caring for a widow in your family? What were the joys and challenges of that experience?
4. Why does verse 4 use the word, "repaying"? Do you think most people consider it their responsibility to "repay" their parents and grandparents?
5. What does "repaying" mean to you?
6. Verse 5, what admirable quality is seen in this widow? How does it compare to the widow of verse 6? Isn't "dead while she lives" a contradiction?
7. How does verse 8 expand the scope of responsibility compared to earlier verses? Does the consequence of not obeying this verse seem a little severe to you? Why do you think it is stated in this way?
8. Compare and discuss James 1:27.
9. What do you think "the list" of verse 9 refers to?
10. Do the qualifications make sense to you? What can we all learn from this?
11. Styx sang a song called, "Too Much Time on My Hands" and there's a Proverb, "Idle hands are the devil's workshop." Any comparison to verse 13?
12. Why do we have to be so guarded when faced with emptiness, sorrow and loss?
13. Verse 16 underscores the importance of helping family so that the burden doesn't fall on the church. How does this reading challenge you? What changes should you make in your plans and perspective based on the verses we've studied?

Spend time after discussing the questions talking and planning what you envision for this 9 week session. Commitment level, outreach ideas, snack rotation, etc.

Close in prayer.