



The Church's Leaders

Titus 1:5-9

INTRODUCTION

Timothy is to set the churches on Crete in order by appointing elders: godly men who will love, guide and teach God's people.

INSTRUCTIONS

This guide is meant to facilitate discussion which will lead to a response to God's word. Therefore please use it as tool that best fits the needs of your community group.

OPENING DISCUSSION

- What was your biggest take away from the sermon?

REVIEW

- Have someone read **Titus 1:5-9**.
- What is the difference between being blameless and being perfect:
- Why is faithfulness in marriage so important for a church elder?
- Why should an elder's children be faithful and well-behaved?
- What might a church become if the elders fail to encourage? What if they fail to refute?
- What dangers does a solo pastor/elder present?

APPLICATION

- Have you ever known a elder/pastor with uncontrollable kids? Was that reflected in his ministry?
- What is hospitality? Why is hospitality important for elders? Why is hospitality important for you?
- What's more important to you: accomplishment or godliness? How do you know?
- Have you seen or experienced the effects of under-eldering or over-eldering? If you're in any position of leadership in your church, which are you most prone to yourself?
- Are you humble enough to be rebuked? Are you loving enough to give a rebuke?
- When do you find it hardest to submit to your church leadership and why?

PRAYER (divide the group based on gender if desired)

- Pray for you elders, with this passage as your guide (Craig, Dave, John, Josh, Mark, Steven)
- What action/repentance does God want you to take according to the truths of this text?
- Are there any other prayer needs?