

1 Timothy 5:1-16

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Argument: Because we are God's family, we must treat one another as family.

Which means:

I. We demonstrate respect and honor to each other, even when giving correction (5:1-2)

II. We demonstrate love and honor to each other, even when it requires a lifetime of commitment. (5:3-16)

Sermon Study Guide

(Reminder: The purpose of the questions is to explore the text and themes of the sermon. **Do not feel a need to go through all of the questions.**

The goal is to stimulate discussion/reflection and transformation related to the sermon text and themes.)

1. What does our passage reveal about life in the church of Ephesus? Do you think Paul was correcting poor theology and practice or was he preemptively teaching before things went off the rails? How does our passage connect with his earlier teaching (chap. 2-3) on practices in the church gathering and qualifications for church leadership (must be godly leaders in the home)? Do you see any connections to the false teachers who forbid marriage (4:3)?
2. What is Paul's main argument/thought? What supporting arguments does he use to support his main point? Were you surprised by anything Paul wrote?
3. The overriding purpose of 1 Timothy is that God's family/church/temple increasingly demonstrate we belong to Him by displaying His character (1 Tim. 3:15). How does treating one another like family do this? How can our respect and care for one another bring glory to God, and demonstrate we are followers of Jesus? Do you see evidence of this in our church, in those around you, in your own life? Affirm and celebrate God's grace and work.
4. What changes do you need to make in your own life? How does the gospel shape your expectations on change? As a Life Group develop some action steps on how you can increase in your "love for another" and "outdo one another in showing honor" (Rom. 12:10).