**Biblical Eldership (August 30th)**

THE COMMUNITY

Memorize 1 Timothy 1:5 – *“The purpose of my instruction is that all believers would be filled with love that comes from a pure heart, a clear conscience, and genuine faith.”*

1. What is your favorite use for any form of marshmallow? (Aug. 30th is National Toasted Marshmallow Day)
2. From your time at corporate worship – the people, music, sermon, serving in a ministry – what encouraged, moved, or excited you? What questions came up for you?

THE BIBLE *(Websites - biblegateway.com, blueletterbible.org, biblos.com, ccel.org)*

1. Read 1 Timothy 5:1-25 this week. Use the websites above to read it in different versions. What observations do you have? What words or phrases stand out to you?
2. What do these emphases on pastors and elders in 1 Timothy 3 say about God’s love and desire for His Church? About the importance of leadership?

THE APPLICATION

1. What “heart response” comes from teaching through foundational, organizational passages like 1 Timothy? What heart response has come in your life through this teaching this summer?
2. What problems do you believe might occur from prematurely calling someone to ministry leadership?
3. Why do you think such an emphasis and importance was placed on Timothy to not show favoritism or take sides? What might this apply in your life?
4. How do you think a person might become a partaker in someone else’s sin?

**SERMON NOTES**

**1 Timothy 5:17-25**

Elders who do their work well should be respected and paid well, especially those who work hard at both preaching and teaching. 18For the Scripture says, “You must not muzzle an ox to keep it from eating as it treads out the grain.” And in another place, “Those who work deserve their pay!” 19Do not listen to an accusation against an elder unless it is confirmed by two or three witnesses. 20Those who sin should be reprimanded in front of the whole church; this will serve as a strong warning to others. 21I solemnly command you in the presence of God and Christ Jesus and the highest angels to obey these instructions without taking sides or showing favoritism to anyone. 22Never be in a hurry about appointing a church leader. Do not share in the sins of others. Keep yourself pure. 23Don’t drink only water. You ought to drink a little wine for the sake of your stomach because you are sick so often. 24Remember, the sins of some people are obvious, leading them to certain judgment. But there are others whose sins will not be revealed until later. 25In the same way, the good deeds of some people are obvious. And the good deeds done in secret will someday come to light. (NLT)

I.  **The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Elders/Pastors are due.**

 A. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

 B. Especially the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

 C. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

 D. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**1 Timothy 6:7-8**

After all, we brought nothing with us when we came into the world, and we can’t take anything with us when we leave it. 8So if we have enough food and clothing, let us be content. (NLT)

II.  **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ our Elders.**

 A. Leading a church is a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

 B. When to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

 III.  **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ an Elder.**

 A. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of an Elder.

 1. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ sin.

 2. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

 B. The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

“The Rebuke of sinning Elders must be done with accuracy and integrity. There must be no effort to protect those who are famous, or gifted, or popular, nor to expose those who are not.”

**John MacArthur**

**IV. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of Elders.**

 A. Be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

 B. Watch for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

 C. Good \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ process.

**SMALL GROUP PRIMER**

*Small Groups are a place where, in authentic community, we can honestly discuss how God’s word intersects with our daily lives.*

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* What do these emphases on pastors and elders in 1 Timothy 3 say about God’s love and desire for His Church? About the importance of leadership?
* What problems do you believe might occur from prematurely calling someone to ministry?
* Next week’s passage: 1 Timothy 6:6-10

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