



INTRODUCTION

According to Paul the church is the household of God (3:15). Every home has different members of the family. In this passage, Paul turns his attention to our care for our senior members who are alone.

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

- Read **1 Timothy 5:1-16**
- What do you find interesting/compelling/confusing about this passage?
- Does HBC feel like a family to you? Discuss.

REVIEW

- Any thing stand out to you in how Paul instructs us to relate to people within the church in vv1-2?
- Who are true widows (v3)?
- What are our family responsibilities?
- What do you think about v8?
- How do we honor widows?
- What is the vision Paul gives for motherhood? Thoughts?

APPLICATION

- Do you have relationships in the church outside your demographic? How have you benefited from those relationships?
- Is caring for your parents or grandparents part of your plan? Or is that a work you have already done? Discuss your thoughts or experience?
- Do you feel free or limited for ministry in light of your current circumstances?
- Is there a way you can help care for our members in need?

PRAYER (divide the group based on gender if desired)

- What action/repentance does God want you to take according to the truths of this text?
- Are there any other prayer needs