

1 TIMOTHY

The Household of God

Week 4

HOW TO USE THIS GUIDE

There are four crucial components for a group to maintain its health: Word, prayer, relationships, and reaching out. In this guide, you will study the biblical passage in three steps: observation, interpretation, and application.

CONNECT

- What words would describe your family culture growing up?
- What would your dream house be like?
- What's a summer activity you are looking forward to?

INTRODUCTION

For the past four weeks we've studied as Paul has laid out what a healthy church teaches, what men and women do, and what leaders are like. If you've been part of a church for any amount of time, you'll know that these things can get complicated. In this next chapter, Paul instructs Timothy in how to create the kind of culture that should mark the household of God - a culture of honor.

OBSERVATIONS & INTERPRETATION

Read: 1 Timothy 5:1-16

Discuss:

- How does Paul describe relationships within the church in v1-2? What would a community look like that was living that way?

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Discuss (continued):

- In v3-16, Paul addresses caring for the vulnerable (in this case, widows). What is the chain of responsibility that he describes? How and when should the church step in?

Read: 1 Timothy 5:17-6:2

Discuss:

- How does Paul encourage the church to honor elders? How are elders to be held accountable?
- In 6:1-2, how are bondservants to act towards their masters? Why is this an important representation of the gospel?

APPLICATION

- Who are the vulnerable in your family or community? How might God want you to honor them and care for their practical needs?
- If you have a boss, do you find it easy or difficult to honor them? How might you honor them this week?
- What's one thing you can do this week to actively create a culture of honor your spheres?

PRAYER

- Pray for a culture of honor in our church that displays the gospel.
- Pray blessing over the groups mentioned in this passage (the vulnerable, leaders, and bosses) and ask God to show you how to honor them this week.