

# groups

Study Group: Participant Guide  
1 Timothy 5:17-25 – May 17<sup>th</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup>

## CHECK-IN

An opportunity to show authentic community as we **share the struggles** and **celebrate the victories** we've experienced in the last week.

## STUDY

Main Topics: Elders, Church Members, Respect, Sin

Read 1 Timothy 5:17-25

- What did you learn from Pastor Bill's sermon about the relationship between elders and church members that you did not know about before?
- Why is it important for the local church to personally train their members to become elders and church leaders?
  - What has God instituted as the means to train and develop church members?
- Why are church members called to tithe to their local church?
- Why are rumors so destructive?
  - How does Scripture call us to handle rumors?
- What steps have to occur before one can say someone is persisting in sin?
- Why is it significant that Paul charges Timothy "in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus and of the elect angels"?
- How do we know that God is impartial?
- How do we know that all our actions, whether good or sinful, will be made known one day?

## APPLY

- How have you been challenged to demonstrate compassion, respect and grace to those who think differently than you recently?
- How are moments of disagreement opportunities to strengthen relationships and draw others to Jesus?
- How can you seek to "rule well" in the spheres of influence you have?
- What can it look like to give honor to those who lead in your church?
  - How have you witnessed the damaging effects of disrespect?
- How do Christians justify not giving generously?
- What tempts you to be partial towards others?
- How do verses 24-25 encourage you or convict you?