**Caring for One Another in God’s Family**

**Read 1 Timothy 5**

**Discussion Questions:**

1. How do verses 1-2 encourage us to speak to one another?
2. What constitutes widows “truly in need”? How is the church to care for them? What does this tell us about how God provides for those in need?
3. What does this passage teach us about how we should care for our own family? What does this show about God’s heart for our natural familial relationships?
4. What do Paul’s instructions regarding younger widows teach us? What are things younger people should look out for? What are things younger people should be doing?
5. What are Paul’s instructions regarding Elders? How are leaders to be cared for, protected, and admonished?
6. Read the following verses.

*1 As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. 2 Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. 3Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. (****Ephesians 4:1-3****)*

*14 And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity. (****Colossians 3:14)***

Reflecting on these verses, how are the lessons learned from 1 Timothy 5 applicable to you, to our lives, and to our church?