

**PCC**

1.24.21

### **Catch Up**

Spend some time catching up as a group. Use the following questions as a guide:

- 1. What was the best part of your week? What was the worst part? What do you think God is teaching you in this season of life?**

Before diving in to the main discussion, spend some time in prayer together as a group. Pray for each other, and for the beginning of this new cycle of Groups.

Now transition to the main discussion by answering these questions:

- 2. Thinking back on Sunday's teaching, what specifically encouraged or challenged you? How would you summarize the Sunday teaching in your own words?**

### **Dive In**

Read 1 Timothy 5:1-2 and discuss the following questions:

- 3. What stands out to you from these verses? How would you describe, in your own words, the difference between "rebuke" and "exhortation?"**
- 4. Are you someone who tends to neglect speaking the truth or to neglect to speaking it in love? How should the reality of who you are in Christ impact that tendency?**
  - Honor is due even when we don't feel like showing it because a church is a like a family made of friends, not enemies, called together by grace, not because we earned anything. If church members can remember that they are brothers and sisters because of the sacrifice of Christ, they will find respectful correction to be a joyful interaction.*

Now read Titus 2:2-8 and talk about these questions:

- 5. What stands out to you from this passage? How would you describe the main point of the passage in your own words?**
  
- 6. What can we do as disciples of Jesus to keep ourselves above reproach? How do these things change depending on our stage of life?**
  - *Level headed literally means “sober.” Maturity implies a consistent use of good sense and judgment. To be worthy of respect suggests being dignified, as opposed to being silly or juvenile. Sensible implies being self-controlled or disciplined (see Titus 1:8). Sound in faith, love, and endurance means demonstrating a healthy expression of these great Christian virtues. Instead of the more familiar, “faith, hope, and love,” Paul referred to endurance, a quality especially appropriate for older men who might be tempted to “coast” morally in their senior years or to have a sense of uselessness because of their age.*
  - *In thinking of what the older women were to teach, Paul described the qualities desirable in the young women. His focus was on married women with children at home. Single adult women were much rarer in Paul’s day than in ours. Older women could teach these young married women to love their husbands and to love their children.*
  - *Self-controlled is the same word translated “sensible” in 2:2. The term “pure” especially focuses on having sexual integrity, being faithful in marriage. The word rendered “homemakers” literally means “busy at home,”—that is, being good managers of domestic responsibilities. “Kind” translates a word often rendered “good.” The phrase “submissive to their husbands” echoes a commonly found New Testament theme about the relationship of wives to their own husbands (see Eph. 5:24; Col. 3:18; 1 Pet. 3:1,5). Submission does not imply that wives are inferior but that they have a distinct, God-given role in the home.*
  
- 7. Where do you see yourself represented in Titus 2:1-10? When have you benefitted from contact with people in other generations? Where do you see opportunities for glorifying Jesus through your everyday interaction with people older and younger than you?**

### **Respond**

Spend some time reflecting on what you can apply from both this teaching and this discussion in your own life. Use these questions as a guide:

- 8. How do you believe God is prompting you to respond to this teaching? What’s one thing you can put into practice this week to walk in obedience to God? What’s one challenge or barrier preventing you from walking in obedience?**

End your time by sharing prayer requests, encouraging one another, and by praying for each other, our church, city, nation, and world.