



January 8, 2023

**SCRIPTURE PASSAGE: 1 Timothy 5:1-2**

Do not rebuke an older man but encourage him as you would a father, younger men as brothers,  
<sup>2</sup>older women as mothers, younger women as sisters, in all purity. <sup>1</sup>

**D-GROUP AGENDA**

**Welcome & Catch Up**

Begin your D-Group time by taking a few minutes to catch up since your last meeting. Share updates regarding prayer requests shared previously and celebrate what God has done and is doing in the lives of your group members.

**Read It**

Read the scripture passage, highlighting portions that stand out and things you wish to discuss.

**Study It**

Among your group, discuss those things that stand out in the passage. For things that may be confusing or create more questions, work together to discover God's truth. For some questions, we recommend going to [gotquestions.org](http://gotquestions.org). This resource offers solid, succinct, biblical answers to many questions.

Some good commentaries on 1 Timothy are:

Hughes, R. Kent and Bryan Chapell. *1-2 Timothy and Titus: To Guard the Deposit*. Preaching the Word Commentary. Wheaton, IL: Crossway, 2012.

Köstenberger, Andreas J. *1-2 Timothy and Titus*. Evangelical Biblical Theology Commentary. Bellingham, WA: Lexham, 2020.

Platt, David and Daniel L. Akin. *Christ-Centered Exposition: Exalting Jesus in 1 & 2 Timothy and Titus*. Nashville: Holman, 2013.

**Review It**

These two verses follow Paul's instructions to Timothy to not allow others to look down upon him due to his youth. However, rather than tell Timothy to rebuke older men who are wrong, he says to encourage them. Why do you think this is?

Why would it be right to avoid rebuke as Paul stated?

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<sup>1</sup> [The Holy Bible: English Standard Version](http://www.bible.com/bible/1-ti/5:1-2). (2016). (1 Ti 5:1–2). Wheaton, IL: Crossway Bibles.

Are there instances where you believe rebuke would be right? What would be the guidelines of such?

Regarding how Timothy is to treat men and women in the church, how does this relate to the current state of local churches today? Some claim that the first century patriarchal set up is sinful and wrong and thus these verses and the roles of men and women in the body have changed. How would you respond to that?

The phrase “in all purity” was focused upon by Pastor David in closing. Why does this resonate so much today relating to relationships within the church family.

Why do you think calling the church members a family or household of faith is so challenging today? For some, it is almost unbelievable. Why so?

### **Five Questions**

1. What did you like about this week’s scripture passage and sermon?
2. What did you not like or find confusing about this week’s scripture passage and sermon?
3. What does this week’s scripture passage and sermon say about God?
4. What does this week’s scripture passage and sermon say about humanity?
5. Who outside your group needs to hear the truths from this week’s sermon?

### **Prayer**

Pray for each other. Pray for our church and for others gathering in D-groups. Pray for specific needs shared among your members.