

Readings to prepare for the coming week:

___DAY 1 (February 10): Hebrews 4:12-16

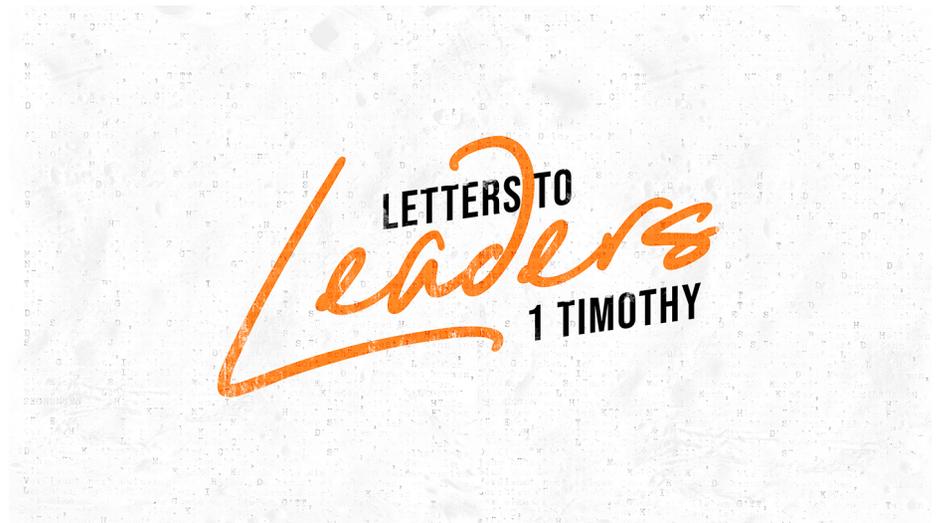
___DAY 2 (February 11): 2 Peter 3:1-13

___DAY 3 (February 12): 1 John 2:7-14

___DAY 4 (February 13): Hebrews 6:1-12

___DAY 5 (February 14): 1 Thessalonians 2:9-16

___DAY 6 (February 15): Ephesians 6:10-20



Three Ways Leaders Lead Week Five 1 Timothy 5:1-21

This week we are looking at 1 Timothy 5:1-21. This passage is about leadership in the church, how we treat people, how we solve problems, and how we honor leaders. We cannot, as leaders, treat everyone the same. It might be what we want to do, but people are different, with different capacities and qualities. As leaders we cannot run from problems, but need to be problem-solvers. True leaders honor other leaders, they know the hardships and pressures of leadership. They know it is hard to teach the Good News of Jesus Christ. Are you willing to lead? It starts by following Jesus.

Making it personal...

Which observation(s) from Sunday's sermon do you feel the need to apply to your life?

When you have been approached by someone younger or maybe someone older to make a change, how did it go? How have you been able to approach others? How did that go?

Do you find yourself to be a problem "pointer-outer" or a problem-solver? Why do you think that is? Which is harder? Why?

What problems has God given you the gift to be able to solve? Who can you help solve problems this week?

This passage gives us all responsibilities regarding widows. This undertaking requires a sense of responsibility. How can you be obedient to it?

In Acts chapter 6, the way the church treated its widows produced rapid growth in salvations in the church. Why might this have been? Does it still hold true today? What do you think?

Why is it hard to solve problems inside the church and outside the church? What are Ken Sande's four steps to peacemaking? Which one do you need to work on the most? How can you ask the Holy Spirit for power to overcome and solve problems?

How do we honor other leaders well? What are some ways we can honor other leaders? How are you going to do that?

In what ways can you show and express respect for your pastor? How can you respect the other leaders in your church?

How might the pastor's salary be a reflection on the church's view of God's Word?

Have you ever been tempted to criticize your leaders publicly? Why is verse 21 so hard but so important to obey when an accusation is made within a church?

In your "SonLight Circle," pray for God to allow us to be problem-solvers not problem "pointer-outers", and to honor other leaders. Let us, as a church, come together and be the leaders in our circles in the community.