

DISCUSSION GUIDE

Prayer

- Church-wide, pray for the hearts of children who professed faith in Jesus last week during VBS!

Introduction

- The health of a church is greatly influenced by the health of its leaders. Today, we will reflect on how to care for and correct, when necessary, our leaders.
- *Why do you think the Bible places such an emphasis on leadership in the church?*

Read 1 Timothy 5:17-25

- *From verse 17, how would you describe the responsibilities of pastors?*
- *What does verse 18 and the illustration of the ox teach us about caring for our leaders?*
- *Imagine that a church member approached you in the lobby claiming that a leader has committed a disqualifying sin. According to this passage, how should you respond?*
- *How might prejudging and favoritism twist peace within the church?*
- *In today's world, how can we keep ourselves pure?*
- *How can we apply the principles of verse 23?*
- *How have you seen those around you doing good works in a hidden way? Take time to encourage one another.*

“One-Anothering”

- Each discussion guide this year will feature one of the scriptures' “one another” statements. These instructions guide us on how to love one another.
- *Rejoice with one another (Romans 12:15)*