



Week Five
Discussion Questions

KEY IDEAS & KEY VERSE

1. Widows are some of the most vulnerable and voiceless members of our church family.
2. The character of the Church is put on display in how we help its most helpless members, the widows.
3. Teaching Elders are worthy of twofold honor: respect and remuneration.

Honor widows who are truly widows. 1 Timothy 5:3

- Share a story about a woman who has walked in front of you like a spiritual mother or alongside you like a gospel friend. Include at least one way they have shaped you spiritually.
- Read 1 Timothy 5:3-16. What are some of the potential blessings, burdens, or pitfalls that widows may face?
- Have you ever spent time helping a widow? What did you do?
- What are some of the reasons we don't intentionally include widows in the life of the church?
- Read 1 Timothy 5:17-25. What is one of the most profound lessons you have learned from a teaching elder/pastor?
- What practical way could you extend to them double honor?
- How can we come alongside elders' families with prayer and support instead of gossip and criticism?
- What is the most life-giving word or deed that has encouraged you as you have sought to serve your church?

Thinking Biblically: Share one or two ways that reading chapter five and studying days one–four helps you to think biblically. (See pp. 88-90)

Living Covenantally: Share at least one of your personal reflections from day five and record the reflections of those from your group in your book. (See pp. 90-92)

- Characteristics of the Covenant
- Church Descriptions
- Stop—Look—Listen—Lean

Share your stewardship prayer: Thank You, God, for entrusting me with _____
Give me the grace to invest it for Your glory and the good of Your Church in the following ways this week:

Record your prayers for your covenant community, church leaders, and personal prayer requests on p. 91 and then pray for one another.