



Part 1: The Need for Elders

Introduction (*Read aloud before discussion.*)

Elders are crucial. Elders are rare. In our culture and in the church, “eldering” is a lost art. Paul, in the book of Titus, is very clear: we must listen to the wisdom of the elders if we are going to enter into “the good life” (the life that is truly life).

Sermon Discussion (*Use as a guide for dialogue, let God lead, and read the verses aloud.*)

1. Share about a time when someone 20 or so years older than you really helped you navigate a situation or relationship.
2. Read Titus 1:5. “Put in order” is a medical term for straightening what has been broken. What area or relationship in your life is confusing, stressful, or maybe out of order right now?
3. What do you think an elder would share with you in the midst of your current struggle, area of stress, or area of confusion?
4. Read Titus 1:6-7. How would you define an elder?
5. Read Titus 1:8. Talk about the phrase “love what is good”. Would you say that loving what is good goes beyond choosing or doing what is good? Explain.
6. What step could you take to become an elder for someone? Or, what step could you take to seek out an elder as you navigate the first half of your life?

Ministry Time (*Invite the Spirit of God to come. Say, “Come Holy Spirit.”*)

Share about the area or relationship in your life that feels most out of order. Ask for prayer. Ask specifically for God’s wisdom and direction because God our Father is a very wise elder!



Spiritual Formation (*This is a weekly practice as we seek to be with and like Jesus.*)

This week, seek out an elder. Ask them for their advice in a certain area. Or, this week, seek out someone younger and ask how you could encourage and help. Spiritual formation has a multi-generational element to it. We need each other as we discover “the good life”.

Daily Reading (*Tune into the daily “Together On Mission” podcast, and let’s start every day with Jesus.*)

MON

Titus 1:1-9 | Psalm 31

TUES

John 2 | Psalm 32

WED

Matthew 18 | Psalm 33

THUR

1 Kings 12 | Psalm 34

FRI

Titus 1:1-9 | Psalm 35

SAT

Catch up on daily reading or choose a passage, any passage and enjoy

Tune in next week for “The Good Life” - Part 2