

REFLECTION QUESTIONS

For Faith Groups and Further Study

1. Can you name any specific prayer requests for at least one member at church?
2. Do you know any widows at church? How/what are you doing to assure that their needs are being met?
3. Do Paul's commands also apply to widowers? How would their situation be the same? How would it be different?
4. If a widow has collected life insurance, has a retirement plan, and lives in a care facility where her physical and material needs are met, what should the church do to care for her?
5. What can you do to show Christian love to your parents or grandparents? Do government or church programs relieve children of their responsibilities to care for their parents or grandparents? Why or why not?
6. Why might it be difficult to judge whether a widow is dependent on God or not? What test or criteria might be used?
7. Do you know of any widows or retired women who are powerful prayer warriors? What qualities do you admire in them?
8. Do you think that younger widows today are susceptible to the same temptations as in Paul's day - laziness and gossip? Are there other temptations for widows that are more specific to our modern times?

MESSAGE OUTLINE/NOTES

Destination Love | Part 10 | I Timothy 5:1-16

1. As the family of God, we _____ one another as _____. (5:1-2)
2. As the family of God, we _____ of those who have _____. (5:3-16)
 - a. _____ widows who have no material or relational support.
 - b. _____ older widows for service in the church.
 - c. _____ younger widows to avoid laziness and gossip, and to marry as the Lord leads.