COMMUNITY GROUP HOMEWORK

The week of Sunday, November 1st

***Last week's sermon & this homework can be found at gbcmt.org/sermons or on the GBC App*

Prayer and Praise:

As a group, thank and praise the Lord for the biblical shepherds that he has put into your life.

After prayer, please continue praising God through song: *#2 – Holy, Holy, Holy.*

Together in the Word:

1. Read 1 Timothy 5:17–25. What is the difference between "elders" and "pastors" in the New Testament? _____
2. Considering verses 17-18, why is it important that members of a church put aside some of their finances and give to the church to support their pastor(s) who ministers "in the word and doctrine?" _____
3. What is significant about Paul's use of the word "Scripture" in verse 18? _____
4. As we all battle against sin, is fear of earthly consequences a good motivation to fight sinful desires? See verse 20. _____
5. How could partiality toward an elder's sin (vv. 21-22) bring great harm to the church? _____
6. How does verse 24 function as a useful principle for many scenarios in life? _____

RELATING TO SHEPHERDS

I Timothy 5:17-25

Series #20

The following are questions designed to facilitate greater learning and deeper understanding of spiritual truths presented in the sermon: **"Relating to Shepherds."** All questions are answered as the sermon is presented. We hope it will be a catalyst to spiritual growth in your life.

1. What kind of preaching is it that goes through the Bible verse-by-verse to explain what God has said in His word in the way He gave it to us?
2. Expository preaching is what kind of protection?
3. If one simply preaches what's in the text, then the text determines what?
4. Expository preaching protects a pastor because no one can rightly accuse him of doing what?
5. In I Timothy 5:1 and on into chapter 6, the Apostle Paul is giving instructions to Timothy about how he is to do what?
6. What verses tell Timothy how he is to relate to older men, older women, younger men, and younger women?
7. In verses 3-16, Paul gives Timothy instruction on relating to whom?
8. What two terms, referring to leadership, are interchangeable?
9. Though both are elders, what is the difference between staff elders and lay elders?
10. Does the distinction between lay elders and staff elders have a biblical basis?

11. From verse 17, Paul assumed that Timothy understood the fact that God's design is for the elders to do what?

12. Elders ruling/leading the church should not be done in what way?

13. What is the second thing that stands out in verse 17?

14. What is a third observation to notice in verse 17?

15. Paul used the word "honor" the same way Jesus used it in Matthew 15 to include what?

16. Deuteronomy 25:4 commands that a worker must be allowed to do what?

17. Who, besides Moses (Deuteronomy 25:4), does Paul quote in v. 18?

18. When Jesus sent out 70 disciples on a ministry assignment, He told them to NOT take what along?

19. What is significant about Paul's statement, "For the Scripture says"?

20. Where does Peter affirm Paul's writings as Scripture?

21. Jesus had more truth, revelation, information to share with the disciples but they weren't ready for it, so He promised to do what?

22. Is it the thoughts and concepts of the Scriptures that are inspired – or the very words and all the words that are inspired?

23. In verse 19, Paul tells Timothy how to deal with what issue?

24. Why would Paul make the statement he does in verse 19?

25. The accuracy of an accusation against an elder has to be substantiated in the way Jesus taught where?

26. Paul tells Timothy if an elder is in sin and won't repent, what is to happen?

27. Is there a healthy kind of fear?

28. It is okay to fear sin because of what?

29. What is a serious responsibility in the church?

30. If one doesn't apply himself with diligence to the task of handling accurately the word of truth, he ought to be what?

31. The Lord will evaluate preachers and teachers based on what?

32. What three points does Paul give to show the seriousness of the rebuking of an elder in the presence of all elders?

33. The "laying on of hands" that Paul mentioned refers to what?

34. Paul knew that Timothy had what?

35. Why is verse 23 NOT out of place or disconnected?

36. What two things go hand-in-hand?

37. If a man thinks he is sufficient in-and-of himself to be a pastor or elder, he is greatly what?

38. Will you pray for your spiritual leaders?