

# PREACHING CURRICULUM

## Leading in Troubled Times

### Titus 1:1-16

*'...God is The Good Leader; Good Leadership is therefore Godly...'*

## 1 REVIEW THE SERMON

**LEADER NOTES:** Encourage your members to pull out their notes and review the main points of the sermon. (9-12 mins)

If the first and foremost qualification of an elder is godliness, what are some of the marks of the godly Paul outlines here to Titus (vs. 1-4)?

What are the other qualifications of an elder seen here (vs. 5-9)?

How does true love and godliness respond to sin and error (vs. 13)?

## 2 ASSESS YOUR LIFE

**LEADER NOTES:** Evaluate the condition of your lives in relation to the truth from God's Word. Encourage heart examination. (12-15 mins)

Do you accept the authority of the eldership God has instituted over your life? Why or why not?

Can you accept the blunt rebuke of error in your life if and when it comes? Describe what you think true love and godliness might look like in that situation from an elder?

Are we following Christ if we reject the biblical concept of eldership? Why or why not? (try to provide support from Scripture).

## 3 APPLY THE TRUTH

**LEADER NOTES:** Create a list of ways to close the gap between your lives and the truth of the Bible. Be practical and intentional. (12-15 mins)

Why does a local church need elders and this type of godly leadership?

Are the elders most needed when the church is running smoothly, or when there are trials? How would you support your answer?

Will an elder ever make a mistake? Based on your answer, why is it important to have a plurality of elders?

When do elders need the most prayer?

## 4 COMMIT THIS WEEK

**LEADER NOTES:** Call your small group members to make a commitment and get the group working together to follow-up with each other. (9-12)

Will you pray for the elders of our church diligently this week? Brainstorm various ways your group could support and encourage the eldership in prayer this week.

Will you ask God to strengthen you to minister in the church within the course that has been set for it by the elders?