



## Group Discussion and Application

1. Some people elevate church leaders on an exalted pedestal. Other people disrespect leaders. What are the dangers and results of each? How can we maintain the proper balance of respect due spiritual leaders?
2. Leon Morris has written, *“Effective leadership in the church of Christ demands effective following.”* What is effective following?
3. Describe & discuss each of the three descriptions of church leaders in v.12.
4. Leaders are to work hard at ministry, and ministry is hard work. What are some of the burdens borne by spiritual leaders in the church?
5. To what kind of person do you find it most difficult to minister? Why? Why is patience needed when ministering to the idle, fainthearted, and weak? How is patience developed?
6. What is the result of revenge? What happens when we do good to those who wrong us?
7. List some of the ways the Christian life is shared at Grace Fellowship?
8. How has sharing the Christian life with others at GFC helped you grow?
9. What are some benefits of gathering together for learning?



## Personal Reflection and Response

1. Evaluate your own attitude toward the spiritual leaders of our church. What changes do you need to make? How might you show your appreciation?
2. Who do you know that is in special need of ministry? What is their specific need? How might you minister to the particular need of this person?
3. How might you increase your participation in shared Christian life at GFC?



## Family Homework

1. What aspects of church life at GFC do you especially appreciate? Why?
2. List some ways proper respect can be shown to our church leaders. As part of your family prayer time this week, pray for the elders of our church.
3. Make a list of specific needs of people in our church. How can these be met?



# Do Unto Others

## 1 Thessalonians 5:12-15, 25-28

*Four Christian responsibilities we have to others:*

**1** \_\_\_\_\_ spiritual leaders. [12-13]

**2** Minister to the \_\_\_\_\_. [14]

**3** Seek the \_\_\_\_\_ of all. [15]

**4** \_\_\_\_\_ life in \_\_\_\_\_. [25-28]