



Group Discussion and Application

1. As believers in Christ we are a family. What are the ramifications of this?
2. Often people will remark that the church family is more family than their own earthly family. What do they mean?
3. How is the church a family to you?
4. Read 1Tim. 5:1-2. In functional/practical terms, what does it mean to treat:
 - older men in the church as fathers?
 - older women as mothers?
 - young men as brothers?
 - young women as sisters in all purity?
5. Review the various classifications of widows mentioned in vv.3-16.
6. Why does Paul go to such lengths to classify various types of widows?
7. How does the world treat widows and widowers?
8. What questions do you have about this text?



Personal Reflection and Response

1. Evaluate your own attitude and conduct in light of 1Tim 5:1-2.
2. How can you be a better church family member?
3. In preparation for our next study, make a list of those who are widowed that you know personally. Consider their specific needs and pray for them.



Family Homework

1. What makes a family so special?
2. What makes your church family special?
3. Make a list of the widows in our church and pray for them.



The Word on Widows (part 1)

1 Timothy 5:1-16

*Paul addresses relationships in the family of God:
Generally (vv.1-2), then Widows specifically (vv.3-16).*

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The **CLASSIFICATION** of widows.

A.

B.

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Next Study

2. The **Care** of Widows
3. The **Calling** of Widows
4. The **Church** and Widows