

1. Read Titus 1:5.
 - a. What is an elder and what do they do?
 - b. What is appointing qualified elders a vital first step in establishing a church?
 - c. How does Paul's instruction to "appoint elders in every town" align with our vision as a church?
2. Read Titus 1:6.
 - a. Why does it matter how an elder manages his home as a husband and/or father?
3. Read Titus 1:7-8.
 - a. Which of the negative character traits from Verse 7 and the positive character traits from Verse 8 stood out most to you and why?
 - b. Why do you think Paul provided such a detailed list of character traits for the church to go by when selecting elders?
4. Read Titus 1:9.
 - a. Why is it vital that elders know the Bible and be able to teach it?
 - b. Why is it important for elders to find the right balance of "over-pastoring" and "under-pastoring"?
5. Read Titus 1:10-11.
 - a. Why must divisive people in the church be dealt with?
6. Read Titus 1:12-14.
 - a. What might happen if people who are deceived spiritually in the church are not confronted?
7. Read Titus 1:15-16.
 - a. Why do you think Paul had such strong words for people who claim to know God but whose actions don't back it up?
8. Conclude by praying for our entire Elder Team and their families, and specifically for those elders who shepherd and/or attend your Community Group.