

# Sermon Discussion Guide

*Pursuing Peace in the Family of God*

1 Thessalonians 5:12–15

## Honoring your elders (12–13)

1 Cor. 4:14; Col. 1:29; 1 Tim. 4:10; 5:17; 2 Tim. 4:2; Heb. 13:7,17; 1 Pet. 5:1–3

- Who are the leaders spoken of in verse 12?
- What are the activities that elders are to be engaged in (12)?
- What are some ways you can demonstrate respect and esteem for your elders?

## Ministering to each other (14)

Matt. 11:28; 12:20; Eph. 4:11–12; 2 Thess. 3:6–12

- What are the different groups of people Paul speaks of?
- Do you gravitate toward one type of one another care (e.g. admonishing) as opposed to others?
- How can you seek to grow in being able to minister to people with different needs?

## Seeking to do good to each other (15)

Matt. 5:43–48; Rom. 12:19; Eph. 4:32; 1 Pet. 2:23

- Why is it wrong to retaliate against someone when they wrong you?
- How does knowing that God has forgiven you in Christ enable you to extend forgiveness to others?
- How does doing good to those who wrong us reflect the way God has treated us?