

March 7 CG guide

Hebrews 13

Remember

What are some things that stood out to you from Brian's sermon on Sunday?

Deepen

Discuss Elders as "old people." Why is just being an older person not sufficient to qualify a man as an elder?

How would might someone struggle to submit to an elder who is a young man?

Talk about the distinction Brian made between Elders and Deacons. Was that clear? What questions do you have about that?

Why could a more political view of the Church (Pastor as president, deacons as legislature, members as constituents) be dangerous?

Transform

Read these passages. How do they speak of the way elders are to be treated by the congregation?

1 Thessalonians 5:12-13

1 Timothy 5:17-21

What are some ways to implement these passages?

What would be required for us to: Esteem elders with whom we disagree? Show elders honor? Confront Elders with a charge?

How can elders watch over the souls of those under their care? Why is it necessary?

John Piper said, "Perhaps we have seen enough this morning at least to set you to praying for us as leaders. Our responsibility, as you can see, is immense. We do not think of the work in terms of rights of authority as much as responsibility for spiritual leadership."

Discuss. How does realizing the weight of the calling on your leaders ring in your heart? What ways does this understanding lead you to respond to them?

Why do you want your leaders to enjoy what they do? How could this be a benefit to you?

By default, we don't like to submit or obey - particularly if we have been harmed by others we were to submit to and obey. What are some ways you need to move

toward this in your own life?

Close in a time of prayer for our church...pray that God would make our leaders godly men who lead well and be filled with joy as they lead...pray that the church would not be divided, but grow in unity...pray that those who are to follow would do so with grateful hearts.