# Future Church 5: A more considerate people

## 1 Timothy 5

# God wants you to treat other Christians as family

## Don’t dismiss the older generation

### Treat them like you would a father or a mother

## Treat your peers like siblings

## Look after widows

### Give the widows a role

# God wants people to have a purpose

## For most that can be found in faith and work and families

## For the bereaved (widows) that could be starting a new family or being devoted to God’s family

## For older people:

### God does NOT have a scrap heap

# God wants you to take your role seriously

## Elders and older people

## Widows

## Timothy, the leader

### Don’t show partiality to any group

### Don’t go for obvious answers

### Keep your standards high

### Lighten up on yourself

# God wants you to appreciate people

## Especially Christians

## Especially the elderly

## Especially yourself!

### Becoming a considerate people is not found in our promises and our words, but in our attitudes to others – especially the elderly and people NOT like us

# Homegroup/Private study questions

# Treating others as family

## In what ways are all people the same?

## In what ways are all people different?

### If an older person were to start dating a much younger person what would you think?

#### What if that older person were your parent?

#### What if that younger person were your child?

## What do you think is the appropriate age or under what circumstances should a widowed person stop looking for another person with whom to share life?

### What would that age/circumstances be for you?

# God’s purposes for you

## What do you think God has in store for you in the next few years?

### How do you think you will seek to honour Him through this?

## How does the thought of God NOT having a scrap-heap encourage you or challenge you?

### Explain your thoughts

## God does not deal with pie-in-the-sky by looking at what would be possible if you were on a different path but in the reality of ‘starting from here and now’

### How does this shape your thoughts about you taking your role seriously

### If you could have any role in the church for a day/week/month what would it be and why?

## Why do you think Paul mentions matters of integrity to Timothy when reminding him of his role?

# Appreciating people

## What’s the difference between appreciating all old people and appreciating just one?

### How does this feed into being a more considerate people?