

# HOME GROUPS

## Discussion Questions for *Acts 20 "The Inside Scoop on Elders"* Week of March 21<sup>st</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup>, 2010

**Warm Up:** What moved you most about the Safe Families announcement on Sunday? Was your heart stirred toward becoming involved in some way?

- Read and discuss together **1 Timothy 3:1-7**. Out of the things listed here identify one or more, which build trust with you personally? Why?
  - Why do *you* think God requires good leadership in the home as the basis for good leadership in the church? (Be specific)
- Read **1 Peter 5:1-3**. From these passages, how were the disciples and later, the elders, being instructed to exercise their leadership?
  - What is the word “Likewise” (NKJV) or the phrase “in the same way” (NIV) comparing in **1 Peter 5:5**?
  - In the context, the elders are called to set an example (v.3) and the people are to submit themselves willingly under the elder’s leadership. What does this look like? What are areas in the church that this can open up?
- There are 10 Pillars of Pastoral Ministry outlined by Warren and David Weirsbe in “Making Sense of the Ministry”. Read this biblical list and discuss *why* these are so essential. Which one’s speak to you most?
  - The foundation of ministry is **character**. The nature of ministry is **service**. The motive for ministry is **love**. The measure of ministry is **sacrifice**. The authority of ministry is **submission**. The purpose of ministry is the **glory of God**. The tools of ministry are the **Word and prayer**. The privilege of ministry is **growth**. The power of ministry is the **Holy Spirit**. The model for ministry is **Jesus Christ**.
- Following Jesus is intrinsically tied to submitting to the leadership God has set in place over His Church.
  - If you want to be submitted to Jesus, should you *necessarily* be submitted to elders within a church? Why or why not?
  - Does submitting to church leadership come natural to you?

**Wrap Up:** Close your Home Group time by lifting up the elders of ‘the shoreline’ Church in prayer. Pray for them as they seek to follow Jesus and provide leadership to their families as well as our collective church body.