**September 8, 2019 1 Timothy 5:3-8 Miniseries “Ekklesia”**

Title: Accountability & Relationships

Big Point: Restoration is the Goal, Relationships are the Key

- Outline

-Responsibility of the Church

- Support (Truly Widows)

- Evaluate (Family Support)

-Responsibility of Family (Warning)

1. What biblically defines a woman who is truly a widow? What difficulties did a widow face during biblical times? What difficulties to modern widows face? Compare and contrast these difficulties.
2. According to Paul’s instructions, who has the first responsibility to care for a woman who has been widowed? How are these women different from “true widows?” Why did Paul make a distinction here?
3. How did Paul expect Timothy to honor women who were truly widows? What would the church’s support of these widows look like?
4. What is the difference between the widow who continues in supplications and prayers and the widow who is self-indulgent? What did Paul mean when he said the self-indulgent widow is dead even while she lives?
5. What is the warning that Paul gives to believers who refuse to care for members of their household? Why is the warning so stern? How is this person worse than an unbeliever?