Home Group Discussion Guide

The Daily Conundrum – 1 Timothy 5:1-25

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The following questions are designed to help groups explore the message above by challenging participants to consider how God is wanting them to apply it to their lives.
*The questions are a **guide** to help lead discussion.*

***Please don't feel that all questions need to be asked**, instead respond to the needs of your group. If you have new people in your group, take the opportunity to introduce each other and clarify any expectations that are present in your group (such as confidentiality).*

GETTING STARTED

1. Can you think of a time when you recognised a genuine need but didn't have the time, resources or capacity to respond? How did you navigate that situation?

2. What was the main challenge or idea that stood out to you from the message on Sunday?

REFLECTING ON THE MESSAGE

Consider 1 Timothy 5:1-2

1. Paul encourages Timothy to treat other believers as members of his own family. How does this change the way we think about extending mercy and care to one another?

2. Consider the **See, Sift, Serve** Framework that was introduced (slide over the page). Why is it important that we engage with all 3 of the areas instead of focussing on just 2 of them?
    a. What challenges you about this model?

Consider 1 Timothy 5:3-16

3. In 1 Timothy 5:3–16, Paul demonstrates how Timothy is to SIFT through the needs of the widows in the church, discerning how best to extend mercy.
    a. What are some of the things Paul encourages Timothy to consider when deciding how to respond?
    b. How might these considerations help us extend mercy wisely in our own community?

Consider 1 Timothy 5:22-25

4. Gavin highlighted three *Permissions of Grace*: *Take your time, Look after yourself and Expect to miss things*.
    a. Which of these permissions do you find most challenging to accept? Why?
    b. How might embracing these permissions help us continue to extend mercy faithfully?

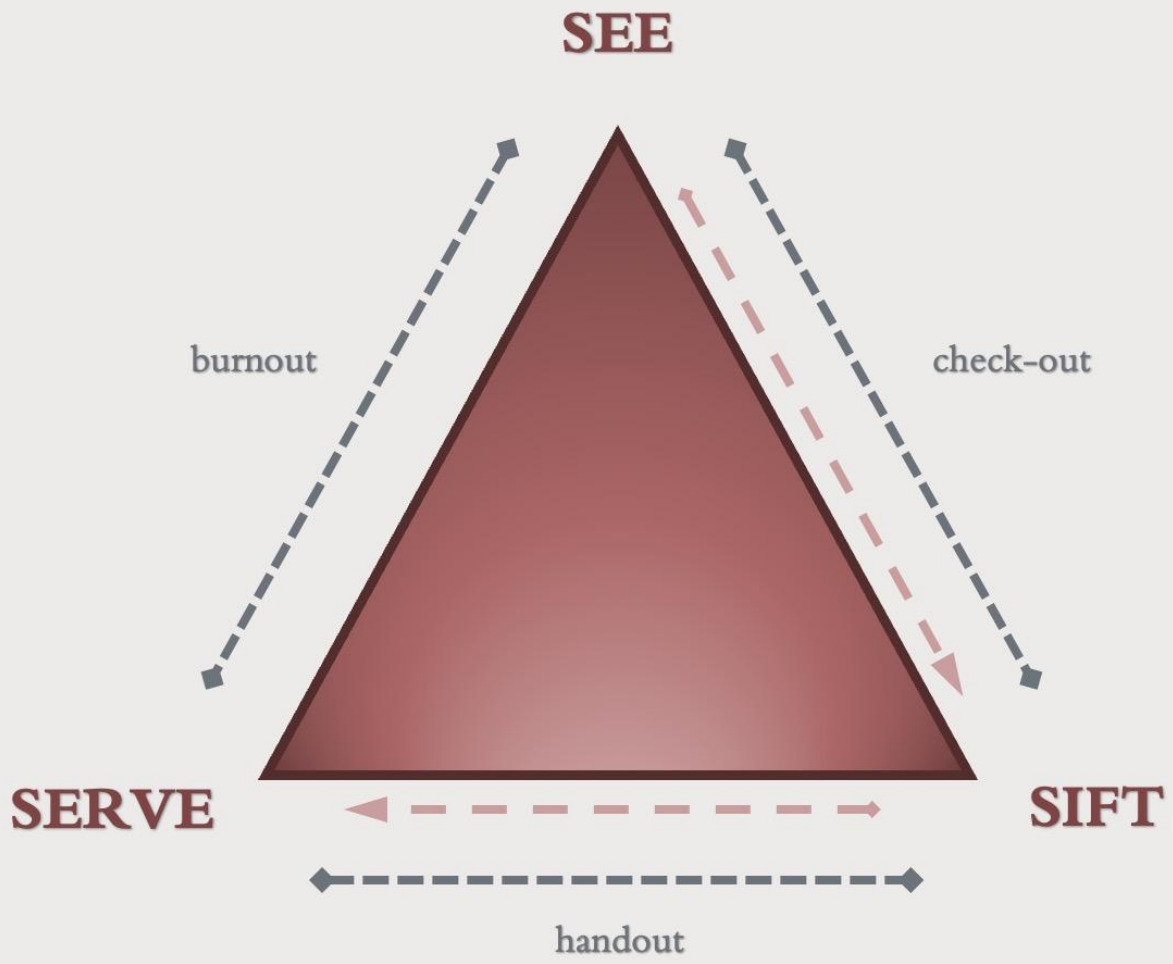
RESPONDING TO THE MESSAGE

5. Where is God inviting you to be faithful in mercy this week?
    See: Is there someone or something you've overlooked?
    Sift: Is there a situation where you need to reconsider how you're helping?
    Serve: Is there a practical step you've been putting off?
    Receive: Is there an opportunity to allow someone else to care for you?

OPPORTUNITY FOR PRAYER

Our Home Groups are the primary place for pastoral care to occur within the Church. We would encourage you to take the opportunity to pray for each other in this space.




SEE
burnout
check-out
SERVE
SIFT
handout
Journey of LIMITATIONS