**READ TITUS 1:5-9**

1. What did you learn from the sermon and/or Word Like Fire?

2. What happens according to Paul in verse 5 when elders are not appointed in a church? Why do you think this is the case?

3. If you were appointing elders, choose one or two of the qualifications listed in verse 6-9 that are harder[[1]](#footnote-2) for you to define and apply. Try to define them and discuss how they should be applied.

4. Have you ever been in a church[[2]](#footnote-3) where some elders were not qualified? What were the problems and issues that you saw in that church?

5. When you read the qualifications, how do you think they apply to Christians in general? For example, should all Christians strive towards this standard of moral character?

6. Take some time to consider which one of these qualifications are growth areas for you. What would a plan look like to help you grow in one or two of these areas?

**Prayer Focus:** Let's pray that we would always have qualified elders overseeing the spiritual direction of the church.

1. For example, how much self control does a man have to have before they are qualified? [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
2. Please do not mention the church by name. [↑](#footnote-ref-3)