

## **DINNER TABLE & LIFEGROUP LEADERS' DISCUSSION STARTERS**

- ◇ Some churches have made a distinction based on v. 17 between a 'teaching elder' and 'ruling elder'. Is this a valid distinction? Why or why not?
  
- ◇ What do you believe is so significant about church leadership always being referred to in the plural in Scripture? Is a plurality of elders that important?
  
- ◇ Verse 18 has some pretty amazing things to say about 'Scripture'. What is so astounding that is stated in v. 18...and why so?
  
- ◇ A reason is given in v. 18 for publically rebuking an elder who continues in sin. What is the purpose given, why is this so and how does it make you feel?
  
- ◇ Jesus' Bride, the church, is not a country club where leadership is selected based upon how you feel about them. How can 'bias and partiality' creep into the process of elder selection?
  
- ◇ We have heard from some that all that is needed for physical healing is sufficient faith. How does v.23 refute this notion? How do you believe Paul and Timothy would view the use of medicine and doctors?