

## **Leading My Church Study Questions**

### **Getting Started**

1. What insight, principle, or observation from this week's message did you find to be most helpful, eye-opening or troubling? Explain.
2. It is easy to pick leaders based on externals that have nothing to do with their character. What might be some of these externals?
3. The culture has always ignored the church. It is sad when Christians fail to understanding it's significance. How does 1 Timothy 3:15 challenge us to value the church?
4. Many today shy away from leadership. What might be some reasons why this happens? Read 1 Timothy 3:1. What does this verse communicate about leadership positions?
5. Pastor shared that these verses directly apply to those that we would call "Pastors" today but they apply to all Christians. Would you agree or disagree?
6. Read Acts 20:17-28 and 1 Peter 5:1-3. We see the three terms Elder, Overseer/Bishop and Pastor used to describe the same leadership position. What stands out from these passages about these leaders?
7. The list of qualifications begins with being "above reproach." Why is our testimony so important for a leader and for all Christians?
8. Leadership is not only about the things we "do" but also about the "don't." Why are the do nots in this list so important for leaders to model?
9. This was a long list, but it focuses on character. Was there one item that stood out to you. Share with your group your thoughts.

### **Digging Deeper**

10. Pick one leadership character quality to begin implementing in your life this week.

## **Leading My Church** **Series: What It Takes to Be a Leader** *Sunday May 15, 2016*

### **Why is the Church so Important?**

*"if I delay, you may know how one ought to behave in the household of God, which is the church of the living God, a pillar and buttress of the truth."*  
*1 Timothy 3:15 ESV*

**Definition:** The church is a group established by Jesus Christ that have accepted Him as Savior, being baptized by immersion and have gathered together in a local geographic location for the purpose of fulfilling the Great Commission and Great Commandment. (Matthew 22:37-40, 28:18-20)

**My Church is the place where God does business!**

### **Why Godly Leadership is So Important**

*"The saying is trustworthy: If anyone aspires to the office of overseer, he desires a noble task."*  
*1 Timothy 3:1 ESV*

**All Christians are called to be leaders in their Church!**

## **I Lead My Church by Implementing God's truth into my life!**

*"Therefore an overseer must be above reproach, the husband of one wife, sober-minded, self-controlled, respectable, hospitable, able to teach,"*  
1 Timothy 3:2 ESV

*"Now from Miletus he sent to Ephesus and called the elders of the church to come to him... Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God, which he obtained with his own blood."*  
Acts 20:17, 28 ESV

### **Three Titles for Pastor**

- 1. Elder**— speaks of wisdom, maturity and age.
- 2. Pastor**— shepherd speaks of care and nurturing.
- 3. Overseer**— leadership and administration

## **15 Character Qualities for Church Leaders**

### **1. Be Above Reproach**

### **2. Be Faithful to Your Spouse**

### **3. Be Sober Minded**

### **4. Be Self-Controlled**

### **5. Be Respectable**

### **6. Be Hospitable**

### **7. Be Able to Teach and be Teachable**

### **8. Do Not be a Drunkard**

*"not a drunkard, not violent but gentle, not quarrelsome, not a lover of money."* 1 Timothy 3:3 ESV

### **9. Do Not be Violent**

### **10. Be Gentle**

### **11. Do Not be Quarrelsome**

### **12. Do Not be a Lover of Money**

### **13. Manage My Own Home**

*"He must manage his own household well, with all dignity keeping his children submissive, for if someone does not know how to manage his own household, how will he care for God's church?"*  
1 Timothy 3:4-5 ESV

### **14. Not a Recent Convert**

*"He must not be a recent convert, or he may become puffed up with conceit and fall into the condemnation of the devil."*  
1 Timothy 3:6 ESV

### **15. Well Thought of by Outsiders**

*"Moreover, he must be well thought of by outsiders, so that he may not fall into disgrace, into a snare of the devil."* 1 Timothy 3:7 ESV