

IMPACT GROUP QUESTIONS

KEY PASSAGE: 1 TIMOTHY 3:1-7

Opening: What truths impacted you most from the sermon/passage?

INFORM THE HEAD / STIR THE HEART

1. Why do you think God wants leadership in the church, and what are the dangers of not having it?

2. Please describe and explain why each qualification for an overseer is important in being able to help lead a church –

a. Above reproach

b. Husband of one wife

c. Sober-minded

d. Self-controlled

e. Respectable

f. Hospitable

g. Able to teach

h. Not a drunkard

i. Not violent but gentle

- j. Not quarrelsome _____

- k. Not a lover of money _____

- l. Manage household well _____

- m. Keep children
submissive with dignity _____

- n. Not a recent convert _____

- o. Well thought of by others _____

3. Which qualifications for an overseer surprise you and why? Which qualifications do you see as being different or at a higher standard than for all the other church members?

4. How can having this role without these qualifications be devastating to the church? To the family?

5. In what ways is managing the church similar to managing a family?

6. In what ways do you think a recent convert to Christianity would be more susceptible to becoming conceited and condemned by the devil than someone whose faith has matured over a long period of time?

7. What is the difference between being well thought of by non-believers and letting your life look similar to non-believers?

8. How do you see the effects of the world, the flesh, and the devil impacting who should be an overseer?

9. In what ways does Jesus model the character traits of a qualified overseer?

CHALLENGE THE WILL

Based on what you learned from the study, or read in the passage, what actions/focus do you need to pursue in order to draw closer to the Lord (i.e. Ensure that elders are men who manage their own lives well; Ensure that elders work with and manage others well)?

WEEKLY READING PLAN

Monday, October 12 // Acts 20:17-38

Care for the church

Tuesday, October 13 // 1 Peter 5:1-11

Shepherd the flock

Wednesday, October 14 // Psalm 1:1-6

Walk in the way of the Lord

Thursday, October 15 // 1 Thessalonians 4:1-12

Do so more and more

Friday, October 16 // 1 Timothy 3:8-13

Members: Dedicated Deacons