



February 1, 2015 – Discussion Questions

1 Timothy 3:1-7 – The Gospel and Church Leadership: Pt 1

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1. We said that the role of an overseer/pastor/elder is to teach God's word and give leadership to the church so that the members of the church will become more Christ-like together, believing correctly and living properly. (Acts 20:28-31, Eph 4:11-16)
Is that different than what we usually think of as the role of a pastor? If so, how?
2. We said that what's at stake is the way the church represents Christ in what we believe and how we act. The faith of believers and the reputation of Christ.
(Hebrews 13:17, 1 Tim 4:15-16)
Does knowing that elders/overseers/pastors have this weight of responsibility on them motivate you to think or act differently towards them?
3. Look at the list of qualifications in 1 Timothy 3:1-7. The character qualities aren't just for overseers, they are expected of all Christians. What are some areas in which you need God's grace to grow? How can you be more hospitable? More self-controlled? How do you feel you are doing with leading your family? Are you quarrelsome or a bully? Do you love money too much? Do you struggle with sexual purity or alcohol?
(Maybe you can share these with one or two people you trust.)
Pray for one another as we seek to live a life that matches the gospel.
4. Pray for our elders/pastors/overseers. Pray for their ministry. Pray for their faithfulness to God's word. Pray for their character and areas of sin they struggle with. Pray for their families. Pray that God would protect them from Satan's attacks.