

Life Group Questions

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Get-To-Know-Me-Question:

If you could pick anyone in history to be your personal life coach, mentor, motivator, etc., who would you pick?

Into The Bible Questions:

Read through **1 Timothy 3:1-13**.

1. Here, we have two sets of characteristics for leadership in the church. Verses 1-7 are characteristics around the Greek word “epyskopays,” which is often translated as bishop or overseer. In the most basic sense, the word means “leader.” Verses 8-13 are characteristics around the Greek word “diakonous,” often translated as deacon. In its most basic sense, that word means “servant.”
 - a. What qualities do you see the most important among those listed in 1:1-13
 - b. Both roles require a person to be highly respectable. Why is that important in a church leader in both the early church and today?

2. Put the two concepts together, and we get servant-leader.
 - a. What’s the difference between a *leader* and a servant-leader?
 - b. What’s the difference between a *servant* and a servant-leader?

3. Aside from Jesus, think about all of these characteristics and talk about who you think is the greatest example of a servant-leader in each category. Answer all, most, a few - it’s up to you.
 - a. the Bible
 - b. the history of the Church, outside of the Bible
 - c. world history
 - d. the world today
 - e. your life

4. If someone asked you how they could be the type of servant-leader scripture describes, God desires and the world needs, what advice would you give them?

Let's Go Deeper:

Read through **Acts 1:21-25**

- In verse 1:21-22, Peter says that the person chosen must have been with them the whole time. Why do you believe that Peter made such a stipulation?

- Both Barsabbas and Matthias followed after Jesus the entire time that the other disciples followed after him. They were both there for all the different teachings and miracles. What do you think it would have been like to follow after Christ during those three years but not be counted among the twelve disciples? What do you think causes people to follow Christ but not be involved in the Church or leadership?

- There is clearly some kind of line between following Christ and Joseph and Matthias taking over the apostolic ministry. Again, they were both present following Christ for all three years. Now that Matthias has stepped into this new role, what do you think the most important part of his new role will be? If you were Matthias, how would you process this new opportunity of leadership?

- Reflect on your own walk with Christ. Are you following Christ? Have you stepped into a role of leadership in the Church? If not, what would that role look like? Or, if you have, is there another role that you feel more called to?

- Read the prayer again in verse 24. They prayed "Lord, you know everyone's heart." It seems that at the core of leadership is our heart. What is something you can do this week to focus your heart more on God?