

Community Group Study Questions

For the week of January 26, 2020

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

- 1 What are some areas of life where God has given you leadership opportunities where you are able to influence others?
Are there any areas where God has given you discipleship opportunities where you are able to influence others with the gospel?

- 2 Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything you heard for the first time or that caught your attention, challenged or confused you?

TITUS: DIGGING DEEPER

- 1 This week, Kyle looked at Titus 1:4-9 which focuses on the qualifications of elders in the church. Read through this passage in your group and highlight anything that stands out to you that you would like to discuss or know more about.

Titus 1:4-9 *To Titus, my true child in a common faith: Grace and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Savior. ⁵ The reason I left you in Crete was to set right what was left undone and, as I directed you, to appoint elders in every town. ⁶ An elder must be blameless: the husband of one wife, with faithful children who are not accused of wildness or rebellion. ⁷ As an overseer of God's household, he must be blameless: not arrogant, not hot-tempered, not an excessive drinker, not a bully, not greedy for money, ⁸ but hospitable, loving what is good, sensible, righteous, holy, self-controlled, ⁹ holding to the faithful message as taught, so that he will be able both to encourage with sound teaching and to refute those who contradict it.*

1. Review the qualifications of elders listed in 1:5-9 and discuss the meaning of the various qualification and why you think they are necessary for elders to have. Feel free to look up meanings of any words in a dictionary (or on your cell phone or device).

In verses 6–9, Paul provides the basic qualifications of an elder, which can be organized into three general categories:

- **Marriage and family (v. 6)**

What are the qualifications Paul lists as a standard for family life as an elder?

Why do you think Paul lists these first?

- **Personality and character traits (v. 7–8)**

What are the five negative quality traits that Paul lists? Why is it important that an elder not have any of these traits? Does any one of these stand out to you as more important?

What are the six positive characteristics he must have? Why are they important in leading a church?

- **Devotion to God's Word and commitment to teaching and preserving sound doctrine** (v. 9)
What specifics are given about how an elder is to interact with the word of God?
2. Which of the characteristics in Paul's list stood out to you the most? Why?
 3. For those of you familiar with the game show Jeopardy . . . What is the fundamental question that is answered in verses 6-9?
 4. Kyle mentioned that courage is also a qualification in this text even though it isn't one of the 17 traits specifically named. Are there any other qualifications you see in this text that is not named?

TAKING IT HOME

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You have a role to play in how you influence and encourage your elders at Grace Point Church. Consider the elder/pastor you know the most about, or the one whose ministry role touches your life the most directly. Please don't list any names, but with a goal of evaluating leaders according to biblical standards, answer the questions below.

1. How would you characterize this person's marriage and family?
2. Read through the traits of an elder again with this person in mind. As you read the list below, evaluate each trait with put a mark next to the word (A, S, or N) for Always, Sometimes, or never.

Self-willed, quick tempered, addicted to wine, fighter, greedy,

hospitable, loving good, sensible, just, devout, self controlled.
3. How well do you feel that your leaders are doing in exhorting you to grow spiritually?
4. With this study in mind, and with your leaders in mind, how will this motivate you to pray for your elders at Grace Point Church?

2 Looking back on this week's sermon and study, what's most important for you to remember?

PRAYER REQUESTS

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