Life in the Word

Cornerstone Sermon-based Life Group Lesson

Sermon Series: **Church 101**

Sermon Title: **Who Should Lead the Church? Qualifications of Elders**
Scripture Passage: **1 Timothy 3:1-7**

Getting Started

1) Read 1 Timothy 3:1-7 together. Is there a point (or a few points) that God has been stressing on your heart from this message?

2) What does it mean to have a leadership crisis? How can you tell if someone is a righteous leader (Think back to the Abraham Lincoln quote "Nearly all men can stand adversity, but if you want to test a man's character, give him power." Then look at Proverbs 29:2)?

3) Look at Jesus' examples of leadership qualities, what stands out to you about these characteristics (Mark 9:35, Matthew 20:25-28, 1 Timothy 3:1-7)?

4) Why does Paul use this specific list of characteristics (you will need to do some digging into the Church Timothy was Pastoring in Ephesus)? Would you add anything to it for today's day and age?

5) Pastor Jerry ended with this quote, "The truly spiritual man is indeed something of an oddity. He lives not for himself but to promote the interests of Another. He seeks to persuade people to give all to his Lord and asks no portion or share for himself. He delights not to be honored but to see his Savior glorified in the eyes of men. His joy is to see his Lord promoted and himself neglected." A. W. Tozer. How can we live this out today? What is something specific this week you can do?

6) Pray for one another this week as well as continue to lift up our Church, her leaders, and our brothers and sisters around the world in prayer.