



November 27, 2022

SCRIPTURE PASSAGE: 1 Timothy 3:8-13

⁸ Deacons likewise must be dignified, not double-tongued, not addicted to much wine, not greedy for dishonest gain. ⁹ They must hold the mystery of the faith with a clear conscience. ¹⁰ And let them also be tested first; then let them serve as deacons if they prove themselves blameless. ¹¹ Their wives likewise must be dignified, not slanderers, but sober-minded, faithful in all things. ¹² Let deacons each be the husband of one wife, managing their children and their own households well. ¹³ For those who serve well as deacons gain a good standing for themselves and also great confidence in the faith that is in Christ Jesus. ¹

D-GROUP AGENDA

Welcome & Catch Up

Begin your D-Group time by taking a few minutes to catch up since your last meeting. Share updates regarding prayer requests shared previously and celebrate what God has done and is doing in the lives of your group members.

Read It

Read the scripture passage, highlighting portions that stand out and things you wish to discuss.

Study It

Among your group, discuss those things that stand out in the passage. For things that may be confusing or create more questions, work together to discover God's truth. For some questions, we recommend going to gotquestions.org. This resource offers solid, succinct, biblical answers to many questions.

Some good commentaries on 1 Timothy are:

Hughes, R. Kent and Bryan Chapell. *1-2 Timothy and Titus: To Guard the Deposit*. Preaching the Word Commentary. Wheaton, IL: Crossway, 2012.

Platt, David and Daniel L. Akin. *Christ-Centered Exposition: Exalting Jesus in 1 & 2 Timothy and Titus*. Nashville: Holman, 2013.

Review It

There are two offices in the New Testament church. Pastor David mentioned a few leadership positions in the early church (apostles, prophets, evangelists.) Why would these not be considered offices in the church?

¹ [The Holy Bible: English Standard Version](http://TheHolyBible.org). (2016). (1 Ti 3:8–13). Wheaton, IL: Crossway Bibles.

As for the two offices – pastor/elder/overseer and deacon, have you ever experienced a church where the roles seem confused? What leads to local churches expanding or changing the responsibilities of these offices? What happens over time when the roles are swapped?

Why do you think God would assign some to serve as deacon and others to not?

How do you rectify the confusing terminology when it comes to the qualifications of men called to serve as deacons?

When Pastor David mentioned that the deacon is a gift to the local church, what did he mean?

How may a man disqualify himself from continuing to serve as a deacon?

Five Questions

1. What did you like about this week's scripture passage and sermon?
2. What did you not like or find confusing about this week's scripture passage and sermon?
3. What does this week's scripture passage and sermon say about God?
4. What does this week's scripture passage and sermon say about humanity?
5. Who outside your group needs to hear the truths from this week's sermon?

Prayer

Pray for each other. Pray for our church and for others gathering in D-groups. Pray for specific needs shared among your members.