

# groups

Study Group: Participant Guide  
1 Timothy 3:1-7 – April 19<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup>

## CHECK-IN

*An opportunity to show authentic community as we **share the struggles** and **celebrate the victories** we've experienced in the last week.*

## STUDY

*Main Topics: Church Leadership, Personal Leadership, Character*

Read 1 Timothy 3:1-7

- Why is this passage important not only for the leaders of a church but also for the members of a church?
- What other terms would Scripture use alongside "overseer"? (see Leader Notes)
- 1 Timothy describes the role of church leadership as a noble task. What did Pastor Bill say that means?
- How does Scripture say church leaders are to treat their members? (see Leader Notes)
- How are members to treat their church leaders? (see Leader Notes)
- What does Scripture mean when it says church leaders are to be above reproach?
  - How should that influence the way we make decisions?
- Why must a church leader (and all believers) be well thought of by outsiders?
  - What is this phrase not calling us to do?

## APPLY

- How have you seen the combination of nobility and task in your own life?
- How did God encourage you this Sunday?
- How did God convict you this Sunday?
- How do we strike the balance of addressing a leader's flaws but also acknowledging our own patterns of sin?
- How should you seek to grow in your own leadership? (see Leader Notes)
- How can you seek to better love and care for your church leaders?
- What attributes did you circle on Sunday that you would like to grow in?
  - As a group, how can we help you?
- How were you impacted by Pastor Bill's story about Martin Luther?
- What will you do when someone pressures you to sin against God or deny Jesus as your Lord?