

Small Group Discussion Questions
Sermon Date: November 26, 2023

Sermon: God's Man for the Church, Part 1
Passage: 1 Timothy 3:1-7

Read 1 Timothy 3:1

Sermon Outline:

2 Qualifications for a Biblical Church Elder

1. The Calling of the Elder, v. 1
2. The Character of the Elder, vv. 2-7

Review Questions:

1. What are the three terms used in the New Testament to refer to an elder? Explain what each title tells us about the elder's role.
2. How does an elder know which of the 3 titles (and their related responsibilities) in Question 1 pertain to him?
3. Explain what the elder or aspiring elder is to desire.
4. Why does Paul call the work of an elder "fine" or "noble"?

Discussion Questions:

1. Have you had a church experience that involved elders who were not biblically qualified to be elders? What made them unqualified? How did this affect the church?
2. Have you ever had a desire to be an elder? What kept you from becoming one?
3. Read Hebrews 13:17. How can you practically support and encourage the elders of the church so that they "watch over your souls...with joy and not with grief"?
4. Did any of the wrong views of how one becomes an elder surprise you or contradict your experience? Explain.
5. What further convictions or questions do you have from this passage and/or sermon?