



1 Timothy 3:1-7

“Overseer: An Ordination Service for Tyler Grove”

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Consult the Scriptures:

1 Timothy 3:1-7

Titus 1:5-9

1 Peter 5:1-3

(See also Ps. 23, Ezek. 34, Eph. 4:11-12, Heb. 13:17)

Discuss:

1. What are your thoughts about the ordination service last weekend? Though the service was geared towards the confirmation of Tyler Grove as an elder at Valley Life, what did you walk away with on Sunday? What part of the ceremony impacted you most?
2. Pastor Patrick prefaced the morning with two thoughts: (1) Jesus is the “senior pastor” at Valley Life (see 1 Pet. 5:4, Matt. 16:18, Col. 1:18, Heb. 8:1), and (2) the priesthood of all believers (see 1 Pet. 2:9, Acts 6, Rom. 12, 1 Cor. 12). Why is this preface important in the ordination of a new elder?
3. Read Eph. 4:11-12. Related to what’s above, what is the job of an elder (i.e. pastor)? What does that then mean for you with regard to your involvement in the church?

4. Read 1 Timothy 3:1-7 (c.f. Titus 1:5-9). What strikes you about the list of qualifications for an elder? What is this list about and what is it not about and how does it compliment the gospel rather than contradict it?
5. Read Psalm 23. Pastor Patrick said the role of a shepherd is that of knowing, feeding, leading and protecting the sheep. How might this inform how could pray for the elders of Valley Life?
6. Pray for the elders of Valley Life.