

Relate with Authority

Series: The Illustrated Gospel (Message 4) **Date:** July 25, 2021

1 Timothy 5:17-6:2

1 Timothy 5:17-18

KNOW, LOVE, AND SUPPORT those who watch over you.

1 Timothy 5:19-20

Hold your leaders in RESPECT AND ACCOUNTABILITY.

1 Timothy 5:21

Appreciate the STAKES for your leaders.

1 Timothy 5:22-25

Appreciate and support the CAUTION of your leadership.

1 Timothy 6:1-2

Respect the position; serve the MASTER.

So What?

sermon discussion

RECAP THE SERMON

Spend a few minutes discussing the sermon from the weekend. Was there anything new that you learned, anything that confused you or anything that stood out?

GROUP DISCUSSION

1. What is the best job you have ever had? What made it particularly great? What is the worst job you have ever had? What made it so difficult?
2. In which of those two jobs did you feel more appreciated by the people you worked for? What difference did their appreciation make in your dedication to your work?
3. What do you think are the most difficult aspects of being a pastor? How could we, as church members, help make those aspects less trying for our pastor?
4. READ 1 TIMOTHY 6:1-2. How does this instruction relate to your work situation specifically, either as one in authority or one under it?
5. How can we show grace or give our support and help to our church leaders in the coming week or month?
6. How might living this way in regard to our leaders also change the way we interact with one another?
7. Take a few minutes at this time in your group meeting to pray for each of our pastors. Then, find a way to let them know that your group has prayed for them and will continue to do so—potentially by assigning individual group members to contact individual church staff members to inform them. You may also consider emailing our church staff before your group meeting to find out if there are any specific prayer requests they have at this time.