

Qualified?

Bishop and Elder: What is a Biblically Qualified Man?

Introduction: Priming the pump for tonight's discussion.

- Let's begin with our own observations. Was there a moment where God spoke to you, showed you something new, or reminded you of a familiar truth through the message this week?

Exploration: Questions to guide our group discussion.

- This big idea this week was that men who fill the roles of Bishop/Pastor and Elder are called to a high standard of Christian character and conduct. In any leadership role, but especially in the church, character matters. As examples for our Fellowship, how do these character traits likewise set a standard for all of us? Even if we're not pastors, shouldn't we too be aiming for high levels of Christian character and conduct? Let's share our thoughts about these ideas.
- Paul listed many qualifications for Bishops and Elders, as well as some for Deacons who serve in the church. Were there qualifications that surprised you, or perhaps some things you learned in the study that were revealing? What were some things that struck you as interesting about these leader qualities? Was it surprising to learn that there's more to being a Bishop than just being a capable Bible teacher?
- We've had some great examples in our lives...not perfect men, but men who genuinely tried to walk the talk. Let's take a moment to honor those men who have served well...men who set an example for us of these kinds of qualities and characteristics. Who comes to mind when you think about these things and how did their example make an impact on you?

Additional Scriptures for Deeper Study:

- 1 Samuel 13:14
- Job 2:3
- Proverbs 10:9
- Psalm 15:1-2

Application: How can I apply this to my life this week?

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1 Timothy 3:1-13

- Was there a part of the teaching that challenged you...perhaps a moment when the Lord spoke to you personally to make a character decision? Could you share that with the group?
- Since the Lord requires a high standard for church leaders, would the Lord have you to regard leaders with a higher regard?