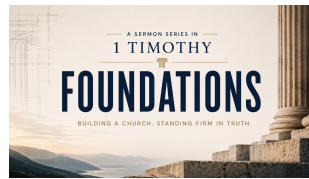




REDEMPTION
CITY CHURCH

Week #6
No Title Required.
1 Timothy 3:8-16



STICKY STATEMENT:

YOU DON'T NEED A TITLE TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE—JUST JESUS.

To be the difference-making church God has called us to be; requires the leaders to live out the example for others to follow.

⁸ In the same way, just like the Elders and deacons are to be worthy of respect, sincere, not indulging in much wine, and not pursuing dishonest gain. ⁹ They must keep hold of the deep truths of the faith with a clear conscience. ¹⁰ They must first be tested; and then if there is nothing against them, let them serve as deacons. ¹¹ In the same way, the women are to be worthy of respect, not malicious talkers but temperate and trustworthy in everything. ¹² A deacon must be faithful to his wife and must manage his children and his household well. ¹³ Those who have served well gain an excellent standing and great assurance in their faith in Christ Jesus. ¹⁴ Although I hope to come to you soon, I am writing you these instructions so that, ¹⁵ if I am delayed, you will know how people ought to conduct themselves in God's household, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and foundation of the truth. ¹⁶ Beyond all question, the mystery from which true godliness springs is great: He appeared in the flesh, was vindicated by the Spirit, was seen by angels, was preached among the nations, was believed on in the world, was taken up in glory."
1 Timothy 3:8-16

THERE ARE 2 TYPES OF PEOPLE WE NEED AT RCC TO BE A DIFFERENCE MAKING CHURCH:

1. SOME OF US ARE CALLED TO _____ FOR JESUS BY SERVING. V8-13

Elders are Servant Leaders in the church while Deacons are Leading Servants in the church.

"deacon" comes from the GK word (diakonos, diakonia, diakoneō) = one referring to servant, another to service, and another the verb to serve.

"In those days when the number of disciples was increasing, the Hellenistic Jews among them complained against the Hebraic Jews because their widows were being overlooked in the daily distribution of food.

² So the Twelve gathered all the disciples together and said, "It would not be right for us to neglect the ministry of the word of God in order to wait on

tables ³ Brothers and sisters, choose seven men from among you who are known to be full of the Spirit and wisdom. We will turn this responsibility over to them ⁴ and will give our attention to prayer and the ministry of the word."

Acts 6:1-4

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¹¹ In the same way, the women to be worthy of respect, not malicious talkers but temperate and trustworthy in everything." V11

2. ALL OF US ARE CALLED TO SERVE JESUS. V14-16

"If anyone serves Me, let him follow Me." John 12:26

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"household"= GK word "oikos". It doesn't mean a building. It means a family —a people NOT a place.

DO THE WORD: Some carry His title, but all carry His name!

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2 Challenges: You don't need a title to make a difference—JUST JESUS.

- **Stop waiting for a title before you'll serve.**

Pick one unglamorous, unseen way to serve @ RCC this month. Kids City, Set Up and Tear down, Guest Services, Greeters, Serve the Media team.

- **Find your "Edward Kimball" moment this week.**

Take notice of opportunities to be a servant to others in the traffic patterns of your life: Who might be impacted through your serving them like Jesus? Maybe look for the unnoticed people around you. Start a conversation. Ask them about the details of their lives. It might be a coworker. A neighbor. Your own kid. It doesn't require training. It requires availability and your life.

[name] _____ would benefit from me serving them with Acceptance. [name] _____ would benefit from me serving them with Encouragement.