

Discussion Questions

INTRODUCTION

What is leadership? Leadership is influence. Discover how God sets up leaders in church to reproduce Christ followers who have His heart for people.

GETTING STARTED

1. Share about a time when you were in danger (physical, financial, spiritual, or relational) and had to follow a leader to find safety. What were some of the positive qualities of that leader?

BIBLE IDEA

2. Read 1 Peter 5:1-9. Discuss the role of an elder in the church (vs.1-4). What ways are we to submit ourselves to elders' authority? As we submit, how can our elders protect us (vs. 5-9)?
3. Read Titus 1:5-9. Of all the characteristics given of an elder, which one seems the most important and why?
4. Read Hebrews 13:17. What is the warning given to the proud? What is the promise given to those who humbly submit to authority? How is leadership and authority directly related to humility and submission?
5. Read Acts 20:28-31. In what way are elders to keep watch over the church body? Who is in danger of false doctrine, explain?
6. Read Matthew 20:25-28. Discuss the contrast Jesus gives between government leaders and leaders within the church. Why is servant leadership so attractive to us?

NEXT STEPS

7. Plan out how you will give appreciation to a church elder this week and take action!