

# Discussion Questions

## INTRODUCTION

What if you could lead others the way Jesus led? What might you give up? What might you begin to do?

## GETTING STARTED

1. Talk about someone you know who is excelling at leading people. How would you describe that person and the impact on the people they've led?

## BIBLE IDEA

2. Read Acts 6:1-7. What caused the people to begin to complain to the disciples? How did the disciples respond to the people? What were the requirements of the new leaders (vs. 3)? What were the results of adding these new leaders (vs. 7)? What principles can we glean from this account?
3. Read 2 Timothy 2:1-3. What progression of leadership does Paul clearly lay out (vs. 2)? What ought to happen in the life of leaders so that they can enter the sort of leadership Paul is describing (vs. 1, 3)? How does this compare with a leader being full of the Spirit and wisdom?
4. Spiritual Leaders are:
  - a. *Full of the Spirit.* Read Hebrews 13:7. What qualities do you look for when choosing a spiritual leader? How are you fulfilling that role in someone's else life? If you are not, what is holding you back?
  - b. *Wise in the Lord.* Read Proverbs 4:1-13. List and discuss the many ways we are instructed to walk in the wisdom of the Lord. Compare this to the wisdom of man. How are they different?
  - c. *Proven in reputation.* Read 1 Timothy 3:8-13. List the character traits of a spiritual leader. Why is it important for deacons [servant-leaders] to be of good reputation (vs. 13)?

## NEXT STEPS

5. Think this through: what one step will you take this week to step into a leadership role at River City?