

IN IT TO WIN IT

Small Group APPLICATION QUESTIONS

“Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says.” James 1:22 NIV

SUMMARY

Pastor Tim Millsaps taught an instructive and emotionally gripping message entitled “*Follow Me, as I Follow Christ: Lessons on Church Leadership*”. He helped unpack the Biblical guidelines and qualifications needed for the leadership and authority structure within the church, as we studied 1 Timothy 3:1-13.

APPLICATION

1. Read 1 Timothy 3:1 aloud.

- What is said about someone who desires a position in church leadership?
- Can you relate to the desire for either spiritual leadership or even vocational leadership? If so, please elaborate.
- If you have the desire, but it has not come to fruition yet, what are you doing to prepare yourself while you wait?

2. Read 1 Timothy 3:2-12 aloud. Take note of the characteristics that pastoral leaders ought to have. (These are also good metrics for other aspects of life as well!)

- Do you tend to choose friends with the characteristics you mentioned? If not, why?
- Which of these areas do you still need growth in?
- Which of these are you most appreciative to see in a church leader? Why?
- Pastor Tim alluded to the “godly filter” we use at Calvary Chatt: God, Family, Work, Ministry. Why is good family management a qualification for being a church leader?
- What does Paul mean that someone must be tested? (See verse 10)

3. Read 1 Timothy 3:13. The Holy Spirit may be leading you toward spiritual maturity alongside your church family through service.

- What steps could you take to be more spiritually mature?
- What does serving have to do with having a good standing in your faith? (See verse 13)
- In what areas could you better serve the church?

PRAYER

Pray that you would desire to exemplify these same qualities in every area of your life.

