



Life Group Guide

A GUIDE FOR LIFE GROUPS, FAMILIES OR INDIVIDUAL STUDY



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VIDEOS

THE CHRISTIAN FAITH | SESSION 17

CHAPTER 17: THE PUBLIC MINISTRY

READING & RESOURCES

Read before Life Group

- Kolb - Chapter 17 "The Public Ministry"

Read at Life Group

- Scripture Readings: 1 Timothy 3:1-13 and Titus 1:5-9.

Watch Video

STUDY QUESTIONS

1. God gathers his people to worship him weekly as he has for all of time. There is a public leadership aspect to the people. Who have been a favorite or meaningful church worker in your life?
2. The scriptures list many characteristics of church leaders. They apply to all Christians but especially to pastors and trained church workers. Those pastors and workers were sinners before they were called and still are afterward. How should workers be held accountable? What should they have in place to help them in life and ministry?
3. The keys of the church is given to all of the priesthood of believers because all of have the Holy Spirit dwelling in us. And then a few are called to publicly carry out the sacraments and preaching of the Gospel. What is your role in the priesthood? What is not your role?
4. Pastor Sam in the video talked about the different models how they handle the power among the people and the pastor and that the New Testament is not prescriptive telling us exactly how to set up the church. Who is truly in charge of the church? What structure of a church do you believe would be best?
5. Once a pastor is ordained he has specific things he should be about. What are they?
6. Pastors are promised more responsibility and are not promised more glory. What does a pastor look like who gets those backwards?
7. All members of the Priesthood have the chance and responsibility to preach the Law and the Gospel and to pronounce absolution, in other words forgiveness of sins to others. While almost all aren't called to do that publicly, every one of us is called to preach and pronounce absolution. What does that look like in your life? What could it look like in your life?

CLOSE IN PRAYER

LIFE APPLICATION

Write out the following:

- The basic message of the Law and why we are separated from God. (Relook at chapters 5 and 6 if needed)
- The basic message of the Gospel and why and how we have been reunited with God. (Chapters 7 and 8)
- A basic statement of us being absolved from our sins. (Chapter 9)
- What the Law and the Gospel mean to you personally.

Once you've written those out, practice sharing them with someone in your group, one on one. Once you are ready, then share it with someone outside of the Christian faith.