

Leading The Church Forward

Leader Guide for Week Five

Deacons - Who Should Be a Lead Servant?

1 Timothy 3:8-13, Romans 16:1-2

Note: Please read the Scripture passages and watch the video on your own first and try to answer the questions. This will help you fine-tune things and draw good answers out of the group when you view it again with them.

Open with Prayer

Note: if your group would benefit from an icebreaker-type question consider using question 6 as a start.

Video

Questions

1. Are there any differences in the qualifications of Elders and Deacons?

2. Are there any differences in the responsibilities of Elders and Deacons?

3. 3. 1 Timothy 3:8 states that Deacons must not be “double-tongued”.
 - a. What does “double-tongued” mean?

 - b. Why are we tempted to be “double-tongued” and how do we avoid doing it?

4. What are some of the Biblical reasons for and against women deacons?

5. Regarding 1 Timothy 3:9,
 - a. What is the “mystery of the faith”?

- b. How do Deacons go about holding “the mystery of the faith with a clear conscience”?
6. Verses 8 and 11 mention “dignity”. Think of someone you consider dignified. What sets her/him apart?

Q&A -

Note: The proposed By-law changes were sent out this week so there may be specific questions. (Please write down the questions people ask so that the leadership can get a feel for what people are wondering about and get them to Pastor Paul. If there are any you are unsure how to answer, he can also help with those.)