

THE PEOPLE

Use the following Growth Group discussion questions to deepen your relationship with God, his Word and others.

Growth Group Leaders: It is not necessary to use all the questions. Select or ask questions you like or that best fit your Growth Group.

BREAK IT OUT:

1. Describe one leadership role (church, family or work) in your life. What do you enjoy most and/or least about it?
2. What stood out, made you think or was a new idea in Sunday's sermon?

TALK IT OUT: (1 TIMOTHY 3:1-16)

3. Why do you think this list of leadership traits and characteristics is important?
4. Although applied specifically to leaders here, why are these important for all Christians?
5. What are two or three traits/or characteristics you have made progress in during this past year?
6. In which areas do you want to grow?

WORK IT OUT:

7. How can you use your traits and characteristics now?
8. How can your growth group help you?
9. How can you give support and help to your church leaders in the coming week?

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4/10 in the series The Faithful Church

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The people who make up a local church have been specifically and carefully defined in 1 Timothy. Paul speaks of three specific categories of people within the church, and by better understanding them, our church will become even healthier than it is now. So, who are these three groups? What are their traits and characteristics? Great questions! Let's explore and appreciate all those who fulfill the rolls of overseers, servants and believers.

1. **The Overseers:** Elders, pastors, bishops - (1 Timothy 3:1-7; Titus 1:5-9). While the title has variations, the characteristics do not.
2. **The Servants:** Deacons, deaconesses - (1 Timothy 3:8-13; Acts 6). Our two groupings of servants here at Verde are amazing!
3. **The Believers:** Families, households - (1 Timothy 3:14-16). We are an assembly of people who act, live and function as a family.

Application

Are you in the family? Which of the many traits are your strongest? In what ways are you using them?

NEXT WEEK 5/10 • THE FAITHFUL CHURCH

ENJOY! • 1 Timothy 4:1-5