

## Road Trip | 1 Timothy 3:1-16, Titus 1:3-16 June 22 & 23, 2024

### My Story Questions

*These questions/activities help the group know one another and transition to deeper discussion.*

- 1) It has been hot in June. How do you like to cool off when outside?
- 2) Does anyone have the skill of impersonation? Who can you imitate?

### Study Questions

*Complete these questions for your own personal preparation to lead, but choose only some to discuss.*

**Big idea: A faith-filled community seeks to imitate Jesus.**

Warm-up: Why is it so critical that the church be distinctive from the world?

Choose a question from Live it Out and discuss with the group.

**Read 1 Timothy 3:1-13, Titus 1:5-9**

- 1) Does anything on this list of qualities for elders surprise you? Challenge you?
- 2) If these qualities are important for elders to exhibit, we all ought to strive toward them. Which stands out as one you want God to develop more in you? (See 1 Corinthians 9:24-26)
- 3) Leadership in the church requires trustworthy character. Which qualities are character attributes? Have you served under a person lacking one of these attributes? How was it hard? How did you grow?
- 4) Leadership in the church is based on love for people. Which qualities are relational attributes? Have you served under someone who excelled in one of these qualities? How did that impact you?
- 5) If you were writing a list of qualities you want to see in those who point you to Jesus, what would you add?
- 6) How is serving as an elder, similar to managing a family? Describe what a healthy family dynamic or church dynamic looks like? How are you contributing to either?
- 7) Why is a new believer not yet qualified to lead a church body? How is becoming puffed up a danger for those in leadership?
- 8) Men are given authority to be elders in the church. What does that authority look like? What does it not look like? How is this functional authority helpful to the kingdom? (1 Peter 5:1-7)
- 9) How or where do you need to surrender in order to imitate Jesus and foster the spread of the gospel?

**Read Timothy 3:14-16**

- 10) How does the godly example of christian people help to spread the gospel?
- 11) Paul uses the phrase, the “mystery of godliness” to describe Jesus. Read this section in some other translations. Where does true godliness come from? How does Jesus’ godliness become yours?
- 11) How will you apply this passage to your life this week?
- 12) “Church hurt” can be hard to overcome? Have you had situations that have caused you pain in the past? How can your group pray for you?

### Responding to Jesus

*Offer one of these for personal reflection before your group prayer time. Practice listening for God’s voice.*

- 1) Ask Jesus, “Is there an attribute of yours that you want me to imitate more closely?”
- 2) Ask Jesus, “Which elder would you like me to pray for this week?”