

The Heart and Life of a Shepherd Leader
1 Timothy 3:1-7
2-9-20

John 10:27; John 10:12; Ezekiel 34:2

I. Qualifications for Shepherd Leaders

1. Desires to Shepherd. (1 Timothy 3:1)

2. Lives a Christ-like life. (1 Timothy 3:2-3)

“Not absolute perfection but continual direction of Christ-likeness.”

Titus 1:5; 1 Corinthians 4:17

3. Teaches God’s Word effectively to others. (1 Timothy 3:2)

a. Is he feeding the sheep versus beating or pleasing the sheep?

1 Thessalonians 2:11-12

b. Is he intentionally discipling others with his life and teaching?

2 Timothy 2:2

4. Shepherds his own home well. (1 Timothy 3:4-5)

5. Proven spiritual growth over time. (1 Timothy 3:6)

John 15:8

6. Good reputation outside the Church. (1 Timothy 3:7)

II. Plans for Our Elders to Shepherd Better

1. Contacting the Covenant Members Regularly

Hebrews 13:17

2. Shepherding the Community Group Leaders

Matthew 17:2

3. Discipling Upcoming Leaders

2 Timothy 2:1-2

Faith Sheet

February Memory Verse: Genesis 15:6 - "And he believed the LORD, and he counted it to him as righteousness."

Weekly Memory Verse: Job 1:21 - "And Job said, 'Naked I came from my mother's womb, and naked shall I return. The LORD gave, and the LORD has taken away; blessed be the name of the LORD.'"

Weekly Reading Plan: Job 1-2; Psalm 19; Matthew 19

The Heart and Life of a Shepherd Leader Going Deeper This Week

1. Someone share the gospel and one way you have seen God work in your life this week.
2. Discuss a Gospel conversation you have had lately with your "3". Pray for someone who needs Christ.
3. What did you learn from 1 Timothy 3:1-7?
4. Why is it important to have biblical and Christ-like men overseeing a local church? (Hebrews 13:17, Luke 6:40, 1 Peter 5:1-5, James 5:14-15, 1 Corinthians 4:17, Titus 1:9, Matthew 18:15-22 & Acts 20:28-30)
5. Discuss with your family the value of the Elder team contacting all members monthly and in what ways this can help ECC.
6. How often do you pray for your church and government leaders? Why is prayer important? Pray for your leaders. 1 Timothy 2:1-4