



## Journey Group Lesson for “Why We Shepherd” – June 19, 2011

### Getting Started

As a child, what did you want to be when you grew up?

How did you behave when left with a new baby-sitter? Why?

### Digging Deeper

Read 1 Timothy 3.

Why do you think Timothy gives a list of leadership qualifications in this passage (see 1 Timothy 1:7)?

What is distinctly Christian about the qualifications Timothy offers?

Are these qualification mostly focused on the inward or outward life of the leader? Why do you think this is so?

Why would Paul be so concerned about the outward actions of the leader?

What do you think are some of the reasons for Paul writing these qualifications to Timothy?

What central facts about Jesus are summed up in the hymn in verse 16?

### Bringing It Home

Given the fact that we are all ministers, in which of these areas have you seen progress in the past year? In which of these areas do you need to grow as a Christian and a leader in the coming year?

A big part of being a leader and a shepherd of God’s people is praying for others. Below are some homework assignments to help you grow in this area this week. Take a risk and do at least two of them.

*1) When you go out to eat this week ask your server, “We are getting ready to pray here in a minute for our food. How can we ask God to bless you?” Then pray for the server when you give thanks for your food. 2) Call up a friend who has been sick and ask how you can pray for him or her. Then pray for that person each day this week. Send a note saying you have been praying for him or her. 3) Pray for the leaders of our church every day this week. Let them know you are praying for them. (A list of staff and elders can be found on the back of the bulletin.) 4) Write out a prayer for your children or some other family member. Pray that prayer for your family member all week. Then send the prayer to the family member. 5) Pray for your neighborhood this week. Ask God to work in the lives of those who need His love and peace. 6) Go up to three people this week that you do not know and say, “You know I like to spend some time each day praying. I was wondering how I could ask God to bless you?” Then pray for the person later in the day.*