



People Leading People

Small Group Questions

1 Timothy 3:1-16

September 6

Community

- What was your favorite cartoon and/or cartoon character as a kid?
- What insight, principle, or observation from this weekend's message did you find to be most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling? Explain.
- What is one thing you would do differently this week as a result of this message?

Core: Read 1 Timothy 3:1-16

1. Should people aspire to church leadership? Why? Why not? Why is serving as an overseer a noble task?
2. What is the difference between a sinless life and a life lived above reproach?
3. Make a list of the characteristics/qualities of elders/overseers in verses 2-7. What is your overall impression of these characteristics? How should leaders in the church differ from other followers of Jesus?
4. Are any of those qualities more important than others?

5. Why does Paul focus on character rather than talent, business or career success?
6. How does leadership at home reveal a person's readiness for ministry?
7. What are the specific dangers of giving spiritual authority to someone too quickly?
8. Why is it so important that church leaders have a great reputation with the secular community?
9. Compare and contrast the list of qualities for elders and deacons. What stands out to you about these lists?
10. How should a person be "tested" before serving as a deacon?
11. How can Wallula Christian Church be a "pillar and buttress of the truth"?

Pray to Close