

Character Counts

Read 1 Timothy 3:1-7, Mark 10:42-45, John 13:12-15 then briefly consider the questions below.

This week in Sunday School, the kids will learn the qualifications for church leaders, and the importance of godly character. They will also learn that a good leader leads by example. Although our passage this week speaks primarily to those in the role of pastor or overseer in the church, there are still fundamental truths for all believers to be gleaned.

In 1 Tim. 3:1-7, Paul gives quite the list of character qualifications for church leaders.

- What are some of the attributes Paul lists for leaders?

- Which of these attributes do you see most readily in yourself? Which of these are more of a struggle for you?

The church is not a perfect place full of sinless people, rather it is a place for those in need of grace. The only one truly qualified for the job is Jesus, which is why He is the head of the church (Eph 1:22). Through His life and ministry He gave us an example of perfect sinless leadership, and we can endeavor to be more like Him day-by-day.

- According to Mark 10:42-45 and John 13:12-15, how did Jesus define leadership? What did Jesus do for his disciples to prove his point to them about leadership?

Many of us have leadership roles in more than one area of life. That means we have multiple opportunities throughout the week to be servant leaders like Jesus.

- In what areas of your life are you a leader? Who are the ones you are leading?

- How are you teaching Christ to those you lead?

Let's pray:

Jesus, thank you for living a sinless life and for showing us how to lead well. Jesus, you know the many different leadership roles you have called us to. At times, these roles can be heavy and exhausting. Please give us the energy to live out these roles well and to bring you glory. Help us to exemplify you and to serve the ones we lead. Thank you Jesus for hearing our prayer. Amen.

