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- Faithful _____ in the _____ of the gospel
 - Church leaders are _____ to Christ alone. (1-2)
 - Church leaders are looking for God’s _____ alone. (3-5)

- Foolish _____ for the _____ of the gospel
 - Church leaders _____ the _____ of the cross.
(6-8; cf. Acts 14:22; Romans 8:16–17; Colossians 1:24; 2 Timothy 3:12)
 - Church leaders _____ in the _____ of the cross. (9-10)
 - Church leaders live out the _____ of the cross.
(11-13; cf. Isaiah 53:2-3; Mark 8:34-38; Philippians 3:10)

- Spiritual _____ to the _____ of the gospel
 - Church leaders _____ their people in love. (14-15)
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 - Church leaders _____ their people for righteousness.
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We should view our leaders as...

- Faithful stewards in the service of the gospel
 - Church leaders are loyal to Christ alone. (1-2)
 - Church leaders are looking for God’s approval alone. (3-5)

- Foolish spectacles for the sake of the gospel
 - Church leaders teach the humility of the cross.
(6-8; cf. Acts 14:22; Romans 8:16–17; Colossians 1:24; 2 Timothy 3:12)
 - Church leaders trust in the power of the cross. (9-10)
 - Church leaders live out the death of the cross.
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- Spiritual fathers to the children of the gospel
 - Church leaders admonish their people in love. (14-15)
 - Church leaders give their people examples to follow. (16-17)
 - Church leaders discipline their people for righteousness.
(18-21; cf. Hebrews 12:5-11)