

Follow the Leader

“ What God Requires to Be a Church Elder - Part 3 ”

1. He Must Demonstrate Humility v. 6

2. He Must Be a Good Witness to Non-Believers v. 7



Grow Group Discussion Questions

A grow group is 8-16 people who get together weekly to study God's word and the previous Sunday's message. There is a time of discussion, support, encouragement, and learning how the message applies to daily life. **PCC uses the ESV (English Standard Version).**

HOW DO I JOIN A GROUP?

To learn more or join a group, visit pacificcoastchurch.org/gg/ or sign up at the patio Info Kiosk.

Point #1

- Read 1 Timothy 3:6. Why is it important Elders are not new believers? What can go wrong? (i.e., "my church")
- Why is Point #1 such a big deal to God? (c.f. James 4:6) What does this highlight about leadership style in churches?
- What has been your experience with this truth? Explain how potential Elders are vetted at PCC? Be specific.

Point #2

- Read 1 Timothy 3:7. Why would it be important that Elders have a good reputation outside the church?
- How does this relate to hypocrisy and the "snare of the devil"? In what way does Point #2 prevent this hypocrisy?
- Why is this also important for evangelism and being a beautiful church? How can Point #2 get misunderstood?

Daily Devotions

These are provided for mid-week personal spiritual growth. Prayerfully writing out your answers will help you experience real life transformation as you dig deeper into the spiritual truths of God's word and today's message.

A downloadable PDF of this document is also available each week at pacificcoastchurch.org/sermons.

MONDAY // Read 1 Timothy 3:6, Philippians 3:17, 1 Peter 5:1-3, Hebrews 5:11-14

- In what way is the church supposed to follow its leaders? (i.e., Elders) Why is this a risky proposition? Be specific.
- How would it make you feel if Christians were supposed to follow your example? Would we be a beautiful church?
- How can you be an encouragement to PCC Elders? Take some time right now to pray for your PCC Elders.

TUESDAY // Read 1 Timothy 3:6, 1 Corinthians 13:4, Romans 12:11, James 4:6

- How does Paul warn against pride for Elders serving in their churches? (i.e., "recent converts") Why is it important?
- What will it look like if church leaders have disregarded this warning? (i.e., my church vs. God's church)
- What does this highlight about a healthy leadership style needed in churches today? What has been your experience?

WEDNESDAY // Read 1 Timothy 3:6, Luke 8:4-15, Hebrews 5:11-14

- How can the age of a Christian help determine the spiritual maturity of a potential Elder? (c.f., Luke 8:4-15)
- How does Hebrews 5:11-14 help counterbalance this truth? What does this imply about vetting Elders? Be specific.
- In your own words, explain how PCC qualifies potential Elders. How does this encourage you about the process?

THURSDAY // Read 1 Timothy 3:7, 1 Thessalonians 4:11-12, Matthew 5:14-16, 1 Corinthians 10:32-33

- Why would it be important that Elders have a good reputation outside the church? (i.e., "fall into disgrace")
- In what way does this relate to evangelism? How can this be misunderstood in the name of defending truth?
- How would you describe the reputation of PCC Elders in San Clemente? Be specific.

FRIDAY // Read 1 Timothy 3:7, Matthew 23:25-27, Philippians 2:14-15

- How does 1 Timothy 3:7 actually help reveal hypocrisy? Be specific. Why is this important for all Christians?
- How would non-Christians respond if you were to be considered as a potential Elder? Would they be surprised?
- Knowing that Elders are essentially mascots for a church, how do you feel about PCC Elders?

SATURDAY // Read 1 Timothy 3:1-7

- As you review the overall Elder qualifications, how far would you get in the vetting process? Be specific.
- What leadership qualification would be the most challenging for you? How can this become a growth goal for you?
- In what way does this elevate your respect for PCC's Elders? How can this help PCC become a beautiful church?

MEDITATION VERSE: ⁶...Therefore it says, "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble." **James 4:6b**