



Week Three Discussion Questions

KEY IDEAS & KEY VERSE

1. Understanding the qualities of overseers/elders and deacons should drive us to prayer rather than criticism.
2. A central theme of 1 Timothy is understanding how we should relate to one another in the household of God.
3. The mystery of godliness is great, but seeking to understand the person and work of Jesus Christ makes it possible.

If I delay, you may know how one ought to behave in the household of God, which is the church of the living God, a pillar and buttress of the truth. 1 Timothy 3:15

- How has your life been shaped by a teaching or ruling elder or one of their wives? What is one characteristic that they possessed that you were inclined to emulate?
- Read 1 Timothy 3:1-7. Which characteristic of an overseer/elder stands out to you and why? How does reading this passage shape our prayers and opportunities to serve alongside our elders?
- Discuss how Christ is our reference point for Servant Leadership. (Read Mark 10:45)
- Read 1 Timothy 3:8-13. Which characteristic of a deacon stands out to you and why? Share a story about how you have seen women involved in serving or diaconal work in the life of your church.
- Why is it essential for women in the Church to be Word-based? Describe an example of how you have seen a woman stand securely on the buttress of truth.
- Why is it important for women in the church to be relationally-driven? Describe an example of how you have seen a women lift others' eyes up to sound doctrine and then serve as a connector to God and one another.

Thinking Biblically: Share one or two ways that reading chapter three and studying days one–four helps you to think biblically. (See pp. 62-65)

Living Covenantally: Share at least one of your personal reflections from day five and record the reflections of those from your group in your book. (See pp. 66-68)

- Characteristics of the Covenant
- Church Descriptions
- Stop—Look—Listen—Lean

Share your stewardship prayer: Thank You, God, for entrusting me with _____
Give me the grace to invest it for Your glory and the good of Your Church in the following ways this week:

Record your prayers for your covenant community, church leaders, and personal prayer requests on p. 67 and then pray for one another.