

# DISCUSSION GUIDE

## Prayer

- Church-wide, we are praying for God to help us obey the Great Commission individually and corporately.

## Introduction

- This week, we are considering the biblical qualifications of overseers. In the Bible, overseers are also called Elders and Pastors (the Latin word for Shepherd).
- *Who is a pastor who was especially impactful in your life?*

## Read 1 Timothy 3:1-7

- *Did any of these qualifications surprise you?*
- *Do you think our world views the office of Pastor as noble? What about the role is noble?*
- *How would you use this passage to coach a man who has the desire to be an overseer?*
- *Why do you think the list of qualifications begins with above reproach?*
- *How do marriage and fatherhood equip pastors to shepherd well?*
- *How can we protect and encourage the family lives of our pastors?*
- *Using this list, what do you think God prioritizes in the life of pastors?*
- *What pitfalls in this list commonly cause pastors to fall into disgrace in our day?*
- *What can we learn from the reality that the devil is explicitly mentioned in the paragraph about qualified pastors?*
- Take a moment to pray for your pastors.

## “One-Anothering”

- Each discussion guide this year will feature one of the scriptures' “one another” statements. These instructions guide us on how to love one another.
- *Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another. (Galatians 5:26, ESV)*