

SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION

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1 Timothy 3



1. Re-read our theme verse: 1 Timothy 4:16. Can you give an example of someone who positively influenced your life because their beliefs and their actions matched?
2. Think back to Pastor Rick's analogy of the window. While seeing the Bible through our experiences, expectations, and assumptions is natural, this approach does not always lead us to a correct understanding or interpretation of God's Word. How can we guard ourselves against reading into the text what we expect to see rather than might really be there?
3. Why do you think a leader's character is so much more highly prioritized in 1 Timothy 3 (and other Scriptures) than performance or skills?
4. As you consider the qualifications listed in 1 Timothy 3, which one (or two or three) would you love to see God develop or strengthen in you this year?
5. If this list of qualifications makes you feel inadequate about your own leadership potential (and not in a healthy, humble way), how could this group help you process that and/or help you take a step forward in your discipleship?