

SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION

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1 Timothy 5:17-25



1. Have you ever had a leader over you who clearly held their position because of “chemistry” rather than competency or character?
2. This week’s passage speaks to why a leader’s character is at least as important as their competence. If you were in a position to hire or empower someone for a leadership role (in whatever context is relevant to you), what might you look for to evaluate their character? Look back at the list of qualifications for high-level ministry leaders in 1 Timothy 3:1–7 for some biblical guidance.
3. In view of 1 Timothy 5:17–21, in what ways could we honor church leaders? In what ways could we encourage their healthy accountability?
4. In the message, Russell Moore was quoted saying, “We see now young evangelicals walking away from evangelicalism not because they do not believe what the church teaches, but because they believe the church itself does not believe what the church teaches.” How do you see Autumn Ridge seeking to be a church that demonstrates that we believe what we teach?
5. Pastor Rick said, “Investing in the Kingdom begins with our local church but doesn’t end with our local church.” What ministries or opportunities for Christ and His Kingdom do you, or would you, delight to fund?