



What is a Pastor Anyway?

1 Timothy 3:1-7

Read 1 Timothy 3:1-7 together.

- ? Have you ever experienced a pastor not meeting the standard of holiness as described in this passage?
- ? How did that impact you and/or the church?

The Definition of a Pastor:

“A pastor is a man of God, called by God to lead his church like Jesus and for Jesus.”

1. A pastor is a man of God.

- ? What kind of character traits mark a man of God?
- ? How do those compare to the description of an elder that you read in 1 Timothy 3:1-7?

2. A pastor is a man of God, called by God.

- ? What insight does 1 Timothy 3:1 offer about a pastor’s calling?
- ? Have any of you felt called to ministry?

3. A pastor is a man of God, called by God to lead his church.

- ? Look again at 1 Timothy 3:4-5. What is the only type of leadership required in this passage?
- ? Why do you think that type of leadership is highlighted? How does it impact church leadership?

4. A pastor is a man of God, called by God to lead his church like Jesus.

- ? Read 1 Corinthians 11:1. What does Paul tell the people to do? How could this apply to pastors?

5. A pastor is a man of God, called by God to lead his church like Jesus and for Jesus.

- ? Read 1 Corinthians 10:31. What is the purpose of all our actions as believers? Is this call more important for pastors? Why or why not?

Application: Take time to pray for the pastors and elders of Berean.