

What is the Church

Good Shepherds

Big Idea:

May God continue to raise up an army of good shepherds who love him above all else and live to make the church become everything God designed it to be.

Thought Exercise:

- Compare and Contrast Saul and David's anointing. (1 Samuel 9 and 1 Samuel 16)
- Make a note of what each of these kings are known for prior to their kingship.

Items for discussion:

Those faithful in a few things

- 1 Timothy 3:1-7
- Titus 1:5-9
- What is noteworthy about this list of characteristics to consider?
- What are some characteristics of shepherds that are easy to overlook?

For the masses

- 1 Timothy 3:1
- What is Paul saying to the people about desiring to be an overseer?
- Hebrews 13:17
- How can we be better followers to our leaders?
- Are we willing to follow a humble pastor? Or are we looking for charisma and pizzazz?

It's not about the title

- If you were going to sum up what it takes to be a shepherd in one word, what would that word be?
- How do we shepherd people even if we do not bear the title or position?
- What are some things that prevent us from doing this kind of work in the lives of our brothers and sisters?

Live in the light of eternity that is coming very soon. We live with a hope and a vision for what the church on earth can be, but we also live with a very real sense of urgency.

