

SERIES TITLE: CHURCH ON COURSE

PART SIX: WHO SERVES?

TEXT: 1 TIMOTHY 3:1-7

INTRODUCTION.

Timothy was a young pastor who was mentored by the apostle Paul. After Paul left Ephesus, he put Timothy in charge of organizing the churches. False teachers were endangering the mission. These teachers were speculating about obscure and less important matters, instead of preaching new life in Christ. In this letter, Paul encourages Timothy to deal with this situation and tells him how to move forward in ministry. Although addressed to one person, this letter was intended to benefit the whole church.

DISCUSSION.

Whether at a restaurant, business, or some other place, what do you see as characteristics of good service? Which characteristic is most important to you?

EXAMINATION.

Look at Acts 6:1-6. What prompted the need for this first group of Deacons? What do you notice about who they selected?

vv.8-10 Since the word Deacon simply means “one who serves” why are they a recognized group in the church since we are all supposed to serve?

v.11 This may refer to wives, but it could also refer to “women who are Deacons” like Phoebe (Romans 16:1). Either way, why are there separate qualifications?

vv.12-13 How is a faithful servant rewarded according to this verse and what does it mean?

vv.14-15 In what way is the church the “pillar and foundation of truth”?

v.16 What do you learn about Jesus from this verse?

APPLICATION.

- Do you find it easier to serve or lead, and why?
- How does keeping Jesus front and center change how we do church or how you serve?

- How can you give support and help to the ministry of the church this week?
- FACT: What is a key truth that you understood from this passage?
- REACT: What did you feel?
- ACT: What are you going to do?