

Spiritual Leadership | Otisville Church of Christ | November 20, 2016

1. What do you think is most important in a spiritual leader? Why?
2. What would cause you to stop following a spiritual leader? Why?
3. What is more important for a spiritual leader--Bible knowledge or people skills? Why?

Into-the-Bible Questions

Study: Acts 20:13-38

1. What does Paul's example teach the Ephesian elders about being elders? (18-24)
2. What three things does Paul command them to do as elders? (28-31)
 - How are these three things similar? How are they different?
 - Are these common ways we describe the work of elders today? Why or why not?
3. According to Paul, what is the foundation of spiritual leadership? (32-35)

Study: 1 Peter 5:1-5

1. What is the foundation of Peter's eldership?
2. What does Peter charge fellow elders to do?
3. Which two aspects of shepherding does Peter focus in on?
 - Are these common ways we describe the work of elders today? Why or why not?
 - How does humility play a role in being a spiritual leader?

Study: Ezekiel 34:1-16

1. Which of the criticisms God brings against the bad shepherds of Israel do you find most troublesome? Why? (1-6)
2. What is the result of bad shepherding? (1-6)
3. How, specifically, is God's shepherding different from that of the bad shepherds? (7-16)
 - Which of these do you find most encouraging? Why?
 - How is God an example of the true shepherd?
 - How does God's example foreshadow Christ's work?

Application Questions

1. What most stuck out to you from the lesson this morning? Why?
2. How is biblical leadership different than worldly leadership?
3. How would you talk about spiritual leadership with a person who came from a church where the leadership was abusive and/or ineffective?
4. How could you help a proud business leader learn that humility is important to lead people?
5. How can service and being an example occur in today's busy and fast-paced culture?
6. What do you think is the hardest part about shepherding?
7. What is the biggest challenge of shepherding?
8. Who in your life do you need to begin actively shepherding?