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i-Church # 9, i-LEAD

Getting Started

1. What did your parents want you to be when you grew up? What about you?
2. What are some secret expectations you have for your children?

Digging Deeper

1. Read Matthew 20: 20 – 27. Jesus was the greatest leader who ever lived, yet he was a servant leader. (v. 28) How is this different than what the world considers a great leader?
2. What in the request of this woman (vv. 20 – 21) shows that the disciples' view of the kingdom was different from Jesus'?
3. Can you think of an example from scripture where Jesus exemplified this attitude with His life? (For example; where He was born, what He rode during the triumphal entry, or people He ministered to.)

The Pastoral Epistles

1. Read I Timothy 1: 1 – 8. Paul considered Timothy his “true son in the faith.” Have you ever had a spiritual parent or mentor like Paul? If so, who? Have you had a spiritual child or trainee like Timothy? If so who? (For personal reflection: If not, who could it be?)
2. What were the problems plaguing the church in Ephesus (vv. 3 – 4)? What is at the root of these problems?
3. How do you think Timothy felt being left in charge of a situation like this? What does Paul want Timothy to do?

Overseers, Elders, and Pastors

1. Read I Timothy 3: 1 – 7. (For additional study you can also read Titus 1: 5 – 9) What positions at Paulann Baptist Church are the equivalent to those of overseers? What are the top three qualities you look for in a pastor? What about a lay elder? According to this passage, what does God look for?

2. Why is Paul's list of leadership qualifications focused mostly on "being" and not on "doing"? Which do you focus most on?

3. In light of the struggle with false teachers, why is Timothy given this list of qualifications for leadership? What is Paul's main concern?

4. Which of these qualities do you feel you need to develop in your own life? How can this group help you?

5. Recognizing that being in a position of church leadership can be difficult at times (I Timothy 1:18), how can you give support and help to your church leaders?