



HEBRON

Sunday, May 16, 2021

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### **SERMON-BASED CURRICULUM**

#### **LOVING ACCOUNTABILITY**

As we partnered with God this past week to \_\_\_\_\_, what did He do? How did He work in and through us?

#### **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS FOR 1 TIMOTHY 3:8-13 and ACTS 6:1-7**

1. In what way(s) did God speak to you today through His Spirit and His Word?
2. Why has God given both elders/pastors and deacons to serve His Church?
3. Why is what the apostles did in Acts 6 the right action to take rather than abandon their responsibilities of leading in the teaching and prayer?
4. What are unrealistic expectations that you think get put on pastors in today's culture?
5. What will it take for a congregation to be "okay" with a deacon meeting a particular need rather than having an elder/pastor present to meet every need?
6. When thinking about deacons and elder/pastors (the two offices of the church), why is it important that we do our best to see what God says in His Word about both and not just go by what we've seen somewhere else?
7. When you hear the word "deacon" who or what comes to your mind?
8. Where and when have you seen deacons serve in a way that was beneficial for a congregation?
9. What are some ways deacons have served beyond their scriptural boundaries? What impact did that have on the church?
10. According to Scripture, why are deacons not a permission-granting or approval-giving board in the church? Why have we often seen them turn into this type of group?
11. What are needs in our faith family that you think deacons could help meet?