INTRODUCTION

This weekend, we explore leadership at Grace Baptist Church. With leadership comes power, and with power comes great benefit, and great risk! When we align our practice of leadership and the use of power with the Bible’s prescriptions and descriptions, we find God’s paradigm for godly leadership in the church.

Leadership and Service in the Church

The Leadership Office: Elder / Overseer / Pastor
Acts 20; 1 Timothy 3:1-7; Acts 14:23; Titus 1:5-9; 1 Peter 5:1-4

The Serving Office: Deacon (Male and Female)
1 Timothy 3:8-13

Leadership and Power in the Church

The Problem of Power in the Church

Harnessing Power in the Church

“Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in Your sight, O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.” Psalms 19:14
MONDAY | EPHESIANS 1:16-23; COLOSSIANS 1:15-19

What does it mean that Jesus Christ is the Head of the Church? How should that reality inform leadership and the way they lead? Knowing that Christ establishes godly leaders to help care for His Church, how should that reality inform the way a congregation submits to the leadership in place?

TUESDAY | PSALM 119:36; PHILIPPIANS 2:3

How do you encourage the pastors and ministry leaders that care for you? How do you fight against viewing or demanding something from the pastors of the church in a selfish way? How would you counsel a person who is overly critical of the leaders of our church? How do you prepare your heart to listen well to the messages preached each week? Do you ever come with a critical attitude or one that expects the speaking pastor to perform for you? How do you fight against that selfishness?

WEDNESDAY | 1 TIMOTHY 3:1-13; ACTS 6:1-7

What is the key difference between elders and deacons? How does the passage in Acts help define the role of deacons? What seems to be the most important aspect of a person who desires to lead God’s people? Why is this significant? In what ways should all believers seek to be qualified and even walking in deacon-like roles? If this were the case, how would it affect the health of the church?

THURSDAY | HEBREWS 13:7, 17

How should these two verses in Hebrews shape the way each member of the Church conducts himself/herself? How can members of the Church help the elders and pastors give a positive account? In what ways can members help them give an account with joy? How should this type of conversation be woven into our everyday disciplemaking?

FRIDAY | PRAY

Reflect on some of the questions from this week. Ask the Lord to help you grow in any areas where you might be struggling. Take some time to pray for the pastors of our church. Pray for their humility and patience as they seek to be examples of Christ to the flock at Grace Baptist. Ask the Lord to keep them from selfish ambition. Pray the leaders of our church would remain pure and above reproach. Ask the Lord to help you be a more caring, loving, and helpful member at Grace and actively seek for ways to do so.

If you have any questions or need additional resources email Pastor David: david.hegg@gracebaptist.org