



Sermon Notes: Servant Leaders

1. Mandate:

2. Manner:

3. Motive:

4. Mutuality:

5. Mindset:



Gospel Applications: Servant Leaders

The Bible calls a spiritual leader in the church a *shepherd* (pastor), an *elder*, and an *overseer*. Reference those three titles/roles for the next few questions:

1. Which of these titles makes the most sense to (or resonates the most with) you and why? Which seems the most obsolete and why?
2. What does each title communicate to you about the role of those who lead the church? Why are all three important?
3. What does each title imply about what it means to follow these leaders?
4. How does the modern American church view the role and responsibilities of a pastor differently than what's implied in the biblical role? What do you think people are most looking for in a pastor today?
5. How do you want a pastor to act toward . . .
 - *a lost sheep* who's wandered off into a pattern of sin?
 - *a hireling* who's just in it for a paycheck?
 - *a wolf* who attacks and divides the flock with gossip and slander?
6. Biblically, how is a true shepherd required to act toward the three types of people in #5? What do you make of a shepherd who's unwilling to guard and protect the flock by sacrificing his own reputation and wellbeing?
7. What are some practical, healthy ways to show the right kind of honor and submission to spiritual leaders?
8. When you think about Jesus Christ as the Chief Good Shepherd, how does that humble you? How does that lift you up?
9. What's one specific way you plan to respond to this message?