



June 1, 2025
WHEN GOD CALLS AND CONFIRMS
Discussion Guide

SERMON SUMMARY

1 Timothy 3:1-7 provides an essential process for selecting leaders, which is especially important when appointing pastoral leaders. Pastor Daniel explains the biblical process for selecting leaders in the Kingdom of God, emphasizing its importance as new co-pastors were chosen to guide Lifepoint Church forward. Leaders are appointed primarily through prayer and must demonstrate proven character and maturity. The Holy Spirit plays a key role and authenticates the selection through the laying on of hands.

SCRIPTURES USED IN THE MESSAGE

- Acts 13:3, 14:23
- Titus 1:6-9
- 1 Timothy 3:1-7 (NKJV)
- Acts 20:28 (NKJV)
- Acts 13:3
- 1 Timothy 4:4:14 (NKJV)
- 1 Timothy 5:22a

TALK IT OVER

Choose questions that keep the discussion moving. No need to discuss every question.

- When considering making a big change in your life, where do you get advice and counsel?
- What qualities do you believe make a great church pastor?
- Pastor Daniel said, "We are a kingdom, not a democracy." What does that mean? How does that affect the selection of church pastors?
- What process have you used to select new leaders? How does this mirror the scriptural process outlined in 1 Timothy 3?
- Why is it significant that this selection required a unanimous decision by the Board of Overseers, then the Church Board, and then the Executive Team?
- How can you include the Holy Spirit in your daily decision-making?

APPLICATION IDEAS

- Selecting new leaders:
 1. They were appointed primarily through prayer.
 2. They had proven character and maturity.
 3. The Holy Spirit played the primary role in the selection.
 4. They were confirmed by laying on of hands.
- What steps will you take to support the transition of leadership and the newly selected senior pastors at Lifepoint Church?

GO DEEPER

Additional ideas for a deeper study of the sermon topic.

- List the qualifications for a church pastor according to 1 Timothy 3:1-7 (NKJV). For each qualification, why is it important?

PRAYER FOCUS

At Lifepoint, we pray until something happens. Make time in every group meeting to pray for one another and the larger matters of concern to your group.

- Pray for our outgoing Pastors, Daniel and Tammie, and our new Pastors, Shawn and Jennifer, as well as for one another, as we navigate this transition over the next several weeks.

LEADER TIPS

- Encourage group members to be present at the laying on of hands ceremony for our new pastors on July 13.