

Follow the Leader

Hebrews 13:17-25

BIG Idea: The aim of church leaders is to help church members see the surpassing greatest of Jesus Christ and thus persevere in faith.

1. The significance of pastors within the church (v.17-19)

Romans 13: 1 Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God. 2 Therefore whoever resists the authorities resists what God has appointed

Ephesians 4: 11 And He gave some as pastors and teachers, 12 for the equipping of the saints for the work of service, to the building up of the body of Christ

a. Leaders are to _____

Matthew 9: 36 When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.

I Peter 5: 2 shepherd the flock of God that is among you, exercising oversight, not under compulsion, but willingly, as God would have you; not for shameful gain, but eagerly; 3 not domineering over those in your charge, but being examples to the flock.

b. Leaders are _____

c. Leaders are to _____

I Thessalonians 5: 12 We ask you, brothers, to respect those who labor among you and are over you in the Lord and admonish you, 13 and to esteem them very highly in love because of their work.

III John 4 I have no greater joy than to hear that my children are walking in the truth.

d. Leaders are _____

2. The supremacy of the great pastor of the church (v.20-21)

a. *The Foundation of the Benediction*

John 14: 27 Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.

b. *The Glory of the Benediction*

Ezekiel 36: 27 And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules.

Philippians 2: work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, 13 for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure.