

## **“Good Shepherds, Bad Shepherds, and the Good Shepherd”**

### **1 Timothy 5:17-25**

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17 Let the elders who rule well be considered worthy of double honor, especially those who labor in preaching and teaching. 18 For the Scripture says, “You shall not muzzle an ox when it treads out the grain,” and, “The laborer deserves his wages.” 19 Do not admit a charge against an elder except on the evidence of two or three witnesses. 20 As for those who persist in sin, rebuke them in the presence of all, so that the rest may stand in fear. 21 In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus and of the elect angels I charge you to keep these rules without prejudging, doing nothing from partiality. 22 Do not be hasty in the laying on of hands, nor take part in the sins of others; keep yourself pure. 23 (No longer drink only water, but use a little wine for the sake of your stomach and your frequent ailments.) 24 The sins of some people are conspicuous, going before them to judgment, but the sins of others appear later. 25 So also good works are conspicuous, and even those that are not cannot remain hidden.

### **The Good Shepherd and good under-shepherds**

*What are the three marks of a faithful pastor?*

*How do churches show faithful pastors respect?*

### **The Good Shepherd and bad under-shepherds**

*How should a church handle pastoral failure?*

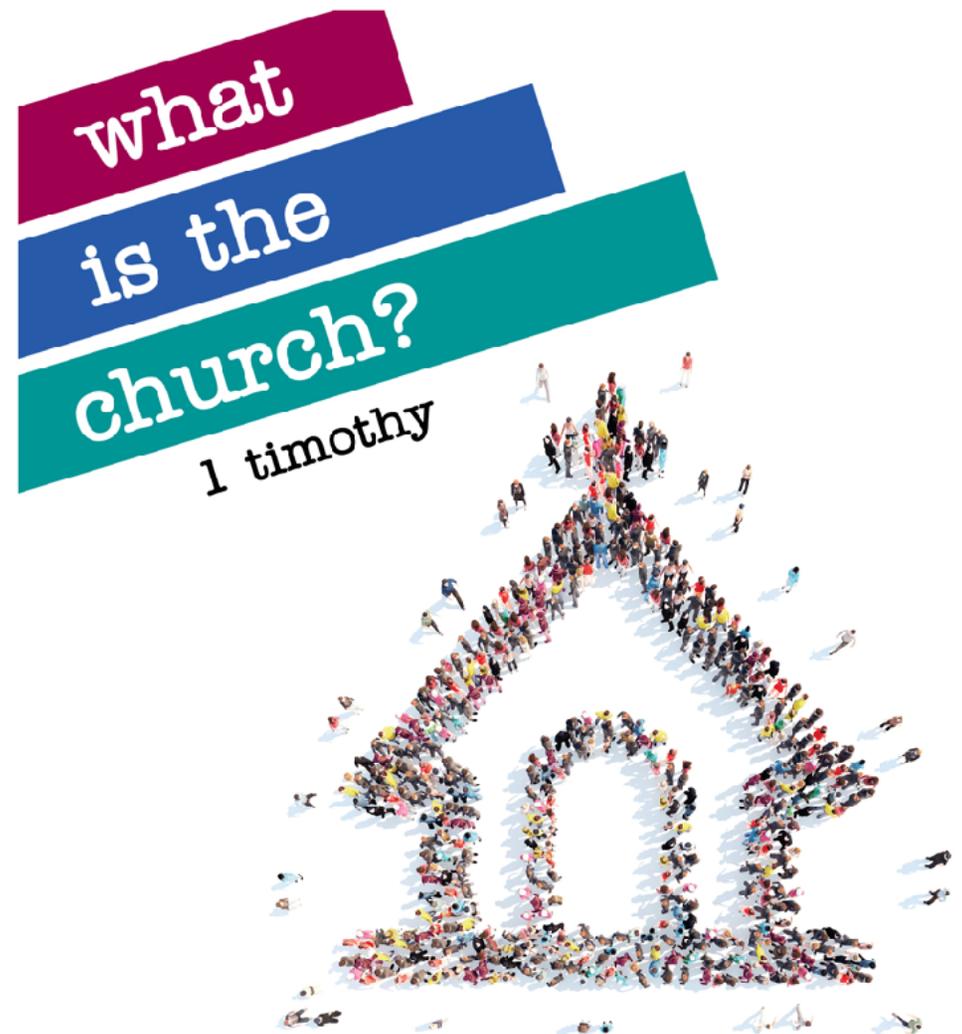
### **Appointing Pastors**

## Life Group or Family Discussion Questions:

1. What is your favorite part about summer? Do you have any plans for the summer?
2. This Sunday we talked about the importance of faithful pastors for the church's reputation. What are some ways that pastors can influence a church's reputation, for good or ill?
3. **Read 1 Timothy 5:17-18.** What does a faithful pastor look like? Would you add anything to this list? What do these look like today?
4. **Read 1 Timothy 5:17-18.** What does Paul mean when he says "double honor"? How can churches honor faithful pastors? What would you say to someone who says that pastors shouldn't be paid?
5. **Read 1 Timothy 5:19-21.** How is the church to handle accusations against pastors? How is the church to respond when those accusations are substantiated? (Compare with Matthew 18:15-20.)
6. **Read 1 Timothy 5:22.** Why does Paul advise churches to be slow in appointing pastors? Can you think of other areas of life where this is good advice?
7. **Read 1 Timothy 5:24.** How do Paul's words give us comfort and confidence when we feel like some escape justice? (cf. 1 Peter 2:18-25) How do they challenge us to avoid sin in our lives?
8. **Read 1 Timothy 5:25; Galatians 6:9.** Why is it important to persevere in good works, even when it seems as though they go unnoticed? How can you serve faithfully and quietly this week?

**The Good Shepherd rewards faithful under-shepherds  
and removes unfaithful ones.**

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## Good Shepherds, Bad Shepherds, and the Good Shepherd

June 4, 2017

**Sundays**

9:30 a.m.

Worship Service

