

Sermon Questions

1 Timothy 3:8-16

This week we discussed Christian service and God's requirements for servants in His Church. Character and conduct are the bedrock for solid Christian service. Sometimes, service can be considered to be a work for someone else so that we can receive a benefit from them. At other times we do indeed serve but miss out on the blessings of serving because we are only serving in order to be noticed. Pride can easily creep into our minds if we do not allow the Spirit of God to shape us. The truth, however, is that we have been created by Jesus Christ for service and we are most truly alive when we are serving Him. As you listen to this week's message and engage these questions, consider how the Lord may lead you to be of your greatest service to Him.

Here are some notes to review from this week's sermon...

Serving Christ's Church

1 Timothy 3:8-16

Christ's Servants...

Maintain godly character (8-12)

Obtain blessings for serving well (13)

Explain Christian conduct in the church (14-15)

Proclaim the mystery of the godliness (16)

Hearing the Word of God and responding to Him is extremely important. If you haven't had the chance to listen to the message from this week you can now watch it [HERE](#). After watching, please use the following questions (if you find them helpful) in your BRAVE groups (now online every weekday) or discuss them with your family and/or friends. If you are not in a BRAVE Group now is a great time to get involved. Please email info@bravechurch.online and we will get you connected with a community that will work for you.

Questions

1. Why are we called as servants to maintain our character? What are some of the qualifications of deacons in the church? Why is character so foundational to service in the church? Why is character more important than gifting or ability?
2. When you consider the character qualities of 1 Timothy 3:8-12, which quality stands out as the one God is wanting to grow in you? Why are all the character qualities important? Is the structure of a church or the character of her leaders more important? Why?

3. What are the qualities of women who serve in the church? Which ones are most challenging? Why? How can God grow you into His desired character for you?
4. Why are men called to lead God's church? What level of responsibility do the men have? What is the responsibility of men? What should men be doing in the church? What expectation does Jesus have for the men? Where should men be leading in the church? How should their leadership elevate everyone in the church?
5. How can men help with single family homes? Why is this important in our day and age? What should men specifically do?
6. How does serving bring blessing? How important is humility in serving? Read James 4:6&10. What is the difference between pride and humility? What are the different outcomes of pride and humility?
7. How does service grow a believer's boldness? Why should Christians want to serve? What are the areas you need to begin to grow your service to Christ?
8. Read Mark 10:32-45. How clear was Jesus's teaching on what would happen to Him in Jerusalem? How significant was His teaching? When Jesus clearly taught about His death and resurrection, what the response of James and John? Why? How did the other disciples feel about James and John? Why? How can we keep our hearts from wanting to be served and known?
9. Why did the apostles in Acts 6 want deacons to assist with the food distribution problem? What did the deacons do? How was their service beneficial to the apostles? What was the primary work of the apostles? Why is prayer and preaching most important?
10. How was Stephen's faithfulness as a deacon rewarded? How did God use Stephen to preach? How impactful was his message? Was the Lord pleased with Stephen? How do you know?
11. What does it mean that Christ's servants must explain the conduct for Christians in the church? How should our behavior be consistent both inside and outside the church? What is the household of God? How is the household the family of God and not a building? How are we the building?
12. How important is our witness as a body of believers? How are we called to support the truth? What other institution (other than the church) is called to support the truth? What can happen if the church will proclaim and live the truth? Where are we called to proclaim and live the truth? Why should we engage our world with the truth?

13. Who does BRAVE Church belong to? In other words, whose church is it? If it's the Church of the Living God then how important is it that God is able to speak through His Word in His Church? If God's Word is NOT being heralded, in the church then what should you do? Why?
14. Why should we proclaim Christ? Why is Jesus the only way to God? What is the mystery of God? How does Christ in us make a difference?
15. How are you called to serve Christ's church now? What is Jesus asking you to do?
16. What was the biggest take-a-way from this week's message? What do you need to start doing, stop doing or start doing differently right now?