

Cultivate Discussion Guide

INVITED ... Into God's House
November 16 and 17, 2019

If you missed this weekend's message, view it at cultivate.sc/discussion

Tips for leaders:

- Prepare for your group. Your goal is to choose the questions that will lead your group into REAL conversation about the topics most meaningful to you. It's okay if you don't answer them all!
- To help everyone follow along, ask them to print the Discussion Guide or pull it up on their phone.
- If questions remain unanswered, encourage women to work through them as they cultivate God's word on their own throughout the week.

Reflect: Share your thoughts on this weekend's message. What did you learn about God's call for the life of pastors? Was there anything that challenged your beliefs or changed your perspective?

#1: The call to shepherd the flock of God is a high one and scripture is so precise because God cares that much about those who have charge over His people. Consider the list of requirements outlined in 1 Timothy 3:1-7. What pastoral characteristics are you most grateful for?

#2: Again considering the list in 1 Timothy 3:1-7, is there anyone in your life who is or has been an example of these godly characteristics for you?

- How has this person protected, cared for or taught you how to live out your faith?

#3: Pastor Matt challenged us that we can't assume we always see the truth about ourselves just because we're looking in the mirror. We need to invite others to look into our lives and look after us.

- Who do you trust to see the REAL you and speak truth into your life?
- What about them makes you willing to give them access to the REAL you?
- If you don't have this person now, who can you invite into your life in this way? Make the effort to reach out and ask them!

Cultivate Truth: In God's house, it's His rules and as believers our heart should be to follow them. Not only out of obedience and honor, but because living for Him means loving what He loves and hating what He hates.

Read Proverbs 6:16-19 TPT: "Here are six evils God truly hates and a seventh that is an abomination to him: Putting others down while considering yourself superior, spreading lies and rumors, spilling the blood of the innocent, plotting evil in your heart toward another, gloating over doing what's plainly wrong, spouting lies in false testimony, and stirring up strife between friends. These are entirely despicable to God!"

#4: As you reflect on this verse, take a few moments and get REAL with self and God. What most convicts or challenges you?

#5: What might a next step for you? Do you need to confess and ask forgiveness from God, change your behavior, apologize to someone, do better now that you know better, etc.?

- Who can you be REAL with about this and invite to both encourage and hold you accountable?

Cultivate Prayer: We took a close look at the high calling God gives our pastors. Pray together as a group for their hearts, lives and ministries as they seek to protect, care for and lead us with wisdom. Ask God to give you a right perspective of their role and position in your life as leaders and teachers and show you how you can be a support and encouragement to them.