

Family Matters

Learning how to Behave in God's Household

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Debrief Plan: 3/3/2024

The Equippers

Ephesians 4:11-12

- We need _____. (Ephesians 4:11-12)
 - ☞ _____ and _____ equip us to _____ God's Will.
 - ☞ _____ equip us to share _____.
 - ☞ _____/_____ equip us to _____ and _____.
 - They _____ us God's WORD. (Hebrews 13:7, 1 Timothy 5:17, 3:2)
 - They live an _____ Christian _____. (Hb. 13:7, 1 Tim. 4:12)
 - They keep _____ over our souls. (Hebrews 13:17)
 - They give us individualized _____. (1 Thessalonians 5:12)
 - They keep us all _____. (1 Timothy 5:17)
- We have _____ to our _____, too.
 - ☞ Pay _____ to them. (Hebrews 13:7)
 - ☞ _____ their faith. (Hebrews 13:7)
 - ☞ _____ to their leadership. (Hebrews 13:17)
 - ☞ _____ them. (1 Thessalonians 5:12-13)
 - ☞ _____ them. (1 Thessalonians 5:12-13)
 - ☞ _____ them. (1 Timothy 5:17-18)
 - ☞ Hold them _____. (1 Timothy 5:19-20)

Icebreakers:

1. What topic could you give a 20-minute talk about without any preparation?
2. Did you have a nickname when you were growing up? How did you get it?

Sermon Summary: Living as God's household in the world is a tough job. To make it easier, God has given some of His children special roles within the family for the purpose of equipping everyone to serve Him as He intended. As these leaders carry out their responsibilities, and their brothers and sisters properly respond to their leadership, real growth happens in the household of God.

Discussion Questions:

1. What blessings does a group of believers experience when they have a faithful, trustworthy leader?
2. Sometimes, for a variety of reasons, a group of believers is left without a recognized leader (pastor/teacher/evangelist). What dangers does that group have to face without a shepherd to lead them? Can any good come from not having a human leader to follow, at least for a while?
3. As we have all experienced to one extent or another, Christian leaders in God's family routinely make mistakes and can hurt God's household, sometimes severely. Is it worth the risk to appoint a new leader when you don't know for sure how that person is going to turn out? Why or why not?
4. Which of the pastor/teacher responsibilities listed in your notes above do you find to be the most important to the spiritual growth of God's household?
5. Did any of the responsibilities that we have to our Christian leaders (listed above in your notes) catch you off guard? Which one is the easiest for you to carry out? Which is the hardest?
6. If you have a closing time of prayer as a group, would you pray for our pastor, deacons, and other Christian leaders at First Baptist to be faithful to their responsibilities to the local household of God? And would you pray for each member of the household to take their responsibilities to our leaders at First Baptist seriously, too?