

CHILDREN & FAMILY MINISTRIES

MAY 16, 2021

In Sunday School Today: Letters to Church Leaders (1-2 Timothy)

Memory Verse: Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰teaching them to observe everything I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age” Matthew 28:19-20

Dear Parents,

As the early church expanded outside Jerusalem, new churches were planted in various cities. Each church needed godly leaders to help it grow and stay true to the gospel. Paul understood this need, which is why he wrote letters to some of the leaders in the church. Two of these leaders were Timothy and Titus. Timothy was Paul’s friend. He had traveled with Paul and helped him. Now Timothy was a leader at the church in Ephesus.

Titus was a Gentile believer. He had traveled with Paul too. Now Titus was on the island of Crete to help train more church leaders. Paul wrote to give Timothy and Titus advice, and he gave instructions for all the church leaders.

Paul warned Timothy and Titus that being a leader was difficult at times, but God had chosen them to be leaders. Their role as leaders put them in a position to serve God. Paul hoped that recognizing this would help them persevere and live in a way that pleased Christ.

As you share with your kids, help them see the value in God’s gift of church leaders. Look for ways to support your leaders so that your kids value them, love them, and respect them. Consider ways your family can encourage your leaders.

At the same time, emphasize that God is at work in them and that they too might be leaders in the church one day—perhaps one day soon. Help your kids see that being a leader is a great privilege to help point others to the gospel.

Finally, be sure that your kids understand that church leaders do not lead on their own. All church leaders follow the leadership of Jesus, who was a servant-leader to us. He gave His life so that we could be forgiven of our sins.

Paul wrote to give Timothy and Titus advice and to help all church leaders know how to lead God’s people. Church leaders help believers know what is true, and they serve the church by following the example of Jesus, who served us by dying on the cross for our sins.

Family Discussion Questions:

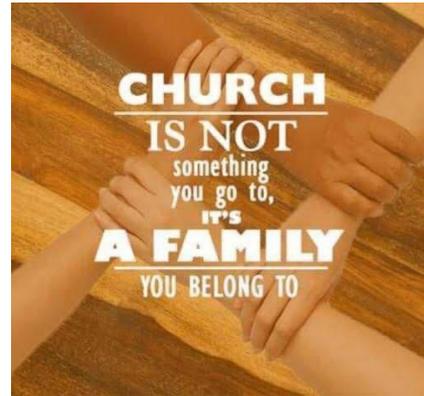
- What does it take to be a good church leader?
- How can you love and support the leaders of your church?

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COGS KidMin Team Needs Some Volunteers for the Summer

During the summer months, many of our very faithful leaders take some time off to recharge and go away with their families. With those absences, we have some gaps in our classrooms on Sunday mornings. If you would be willing to give a weekend or two in June to teach or help, please let Abbie know ASAP.



Pastor Al’s retirement

As you know, Pastor Al will be retiring at the end of June. How has his time at Church of the Good Shepherd impacted you and your faith? Put it in writing: it can be a letter, a poem, a few pictures but **please use only ONE 8-1/2 x 11” page**. We will then compile those pages into a book to give him at his retirement. Please email Abbie Burton your finished product or mail to church making it to my attention. **Must be submitted by May 30, 2021!**

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SUMMER GAMES VBS 2021

Tuesday, July 6th—Friday, July 9th

6-8PM

Train, Compete, Reach the Goal

We are super excited about offering Summer Games VBS to our COGS Kids this summer! The planning has started and it’s going to be a fun 4-nights.



We still need more people to help plan this event and to make this a safe but yet fun and memorable experience for our COGS Kids and community. We will even have an Olympian visit and share about her experience in the Olympics!

Registration is open via the Eventbrite link. <https://cogssummervbs.eventbrite.com> It will be a fun week with lots of games/competitions and some fun opening/closing ceremonies!

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