

RISE UP, O MEN OF GOD

WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY

Godly leadership is more than a great responsibility. It is a huge honor. God has entrusted the care of His people into our hands.

A. God has always provided leaders. And the majority has been males.

- Moses, Joshua, judges, kings, prophets, apostles were all leaders
- Without leadership we do not do well (Mt 9:36; 26:31)



There are Two Kinds of Leaders:

1. P _____ & P _____
2. R _____

What's the Difference?

Relationship Leader (John 10)

1. He knows them and they know Him (14)
2. He knows them by _____ (3)
3. He _____ them (3)
4. They know his _____ (4)
5. He _____ the sheep (12)
6. He is _____ (13)

Of all the animals in the created world, God refers to us as Sheep (Ps 78:52; 79:13; 95:7).

- How are we like sheep?
- Why is this hard to admit as men?

The Words Describing Shepherding:

1. G _____ (Acts 20:28)
2. O _____ (Acts 20:28)
3. F _____ (Acts 20:28)
4. A _____ (Acts 20:31)
5. E _____ (1 Pet 5:3)

In Luke 15:5, what did the shepherd do when the lost sheep was found?
- why is this important?

The number one aspect of leading is being able to _____ others

Before a man leads in the church, he first must lead in the home (1 Tim 3:4-5)

- the first ministry is m _____
- the children are your first d _____
- your home is your first f _____ (Mt 10:24-25)

Apply these words to the home:

Leaders must first _____ themselves (Mk 1:35; Lk 18:1)

Your most effective message is the one you demonstrate in your daily life

Leaders must value people

- Ezekiel 3:15 I sat where they _____
- Jn 10:13 the hireling did not _____
- Phil 2:3-4 putting others before self

1. Obedience comes from trust rather than fear
Why does that matter?

Leaders must be accessible, approachable and visible

Jesus didn't lead from Heaven. He walked among the people. They saw Him. They heard Him.

- C_____ is the key (Jn 14:2; Mk 13:23)
- Words of instruction. Words of encouragement. Words of correction. Words of hope.

I know my own and My own know me (14-15)

What does that look like in the home?

When He puts forth all His own, He goes ahead of them (4)

What does that look like in the home?

The good shepherd lays down His life for the sheep (11, 15)

What does that look like in the home?

The shepherd is concerned and stays when there is trouble (12-13)

What does that look like in the home?

My sheep hear My voice...and they follow Me (27)

What does that look like in the home?

Sheep Need:

- To be fed a proper _____ that will help them grow
- To be _____ from dangers that they may not even see
- To be led to _____
- To be _____ when they are in trouble

What does this look like spiritually in the home?

1. How can I be a better shepherd to my home?

2. Just as members determine what kind of church the church is, so as a man who shape what kind of home you will have. The culture of the church and the home can change. How?

