



Worship Guide for October 3, 2021

## Sermon Notes

### **Deacons – The Backbone of a Healthy Church**

Acts 6:1-7, 1 Timothy 3:8-13

Where do we get the office/ministry role of Deacon? The first Deacons were chosen for the early church in Acts 6. The important role good and godly deacons play in the life of the church cannot be overstated. They are essential to the health and gospel focus of God's Church. Paul lays out the necessary qualifications for deacons in 1 Timothy 3:8-13.

Our church members are asked to submit Deacon nominations during the month of October, so it is appropriate that we take time to re-examine these key New Testament passages and understand who a deacon is to be and appreciate the important role a deacon plays in the life of our church.

The measure of a Deacon's life: Who he is to BE

- To be a Deacon, holiness & faithfulness are required. But all believers are called to holiness and faithfulness.

The responsibilities of a Deacon's role: What he is to DO

- To serve as a Deacon, a Deacon must serve. But all believers are called to serve.

Applications:

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## Weekly Discipleship Guide

### Know

**What does God intend for me to know?  
In your journal, use the following prompts to write  
some truths that stood out from this week's message.**

I never knew...	I was reminded...	A question I still have...
I was challenged...	I was convicted...	A truth I could share...
I was encouraged to...		I need to dig deeper into...

### Be (Consider)

**What does God's Word lead me to prayerfully consider?  
In your journal, use the following questions to write  
some prompts to use in praying through this week's passage.**

Is there a command to obey?	Am I convicted to confess any sin?
How am I compelled to exalt God?	Is there a sin to avoid?
Is there a promise to claim?	How do I need to rest in Jesus/the gospel?
Is there a principle to follow?	How can I pray for someone else?
Is there an example to follow?	What am I compelled to love or desire?

### Do (Yield)

**How does God's Word call me to yield my life? In your journal, write  
your answers and thoughts in response to the following questions.**

Some would consider the qualifications for Deacon to be a high bar. The reality is that it's really just a definition for a faithful Christian. Why are these qualifications important? Is there one that is especially convicting for you?

All believers are called to serve others. What is your position toward service? To receive or to give?

How can you help your Deacon serve you? How can you come along side your Deacon and serve with him?

Please spend time praying for your Deacon. Pray also for God's wisdom and guidance for the new Deacon selection.

\*Use this guide to help you internalize this week's message & to prepare for Life Group.

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