



WEEK 1: LEADER'S COMMITMENT TO THE CHURCH

Small Group Questions

1. If you have been around long enough, you have had good experiences and difficult experiences with those who lead the church (just like doctors, bankers, accountants, and teachers... they are human). Without naming names or churches or telling the whole story, what are some brief words or phrases that describe why you were disappointed or encouraged?

Brian mentioned several commitments from Pastors that Scripture expects:

- Pastors must be committed to prayer and study of Scripture
- Pastors must be committed to equip the church for ministry
- Pastors must be committed to feed the church with theology through Scripture
- Pastors must be committed to feed the flock *that is among them*

2. This list isn't exhaustive. Can you think of other commitments that are detailed in Scripture?
3. What are some commitments that we may expect of pastors that aren't found in Scripture?
4. Do you have disappointment from a pastor that met Scripture's expectations, but not your own?
5. How do you believe the pastor's commitment to prayer and study of Scripture shapes the church?
6. How does this differ from maybe the mainstream "CEO Pastor" model? What's at stake if prayer and ministry of the word is neglected?

7. Why do you think it is sometimes easier for church leaders to do the work of the ministry, rather than equip the church for ministry?

8. If a pastor's role is to feed the church with theology through Scripture, then there is an obligation of application. What are your practices to digest and work through sermons or Bible studies on your own?

9. How do you pray for and support those who lead your church?