

Family Studies on Ministers - Soldiers of the Cross

- Recommended Hymn: Beautiful Lamb
- **Matthew 9:36 - “When He saw the crowds, He had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.”**
 - Where else does the Bible describe Jesus as the shepherd of His people? What does this metaphor teach us about the relationship between Jesus and His church?
 - What does this passage have to do with the role of the minister within the congregation? What does it have to do with our role as ministers of the Gospel to the world?
 - **Today we will pray together for...** those who are lost, that they might find guidance from Christian ministers whose compassion compels them.
- Recommended Hymn: There Is Much To Do (Lord, Send Me)
- **Galatians 6:10 - “So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith.”**
 - Read this paragraph (Galatians 6:1-10) together. What is the main point that Paul is talking about here?
 - Why does Paul say we should “especially” do good for members of the church? How does this affect our responsibility to do good generally?
 - What does this passage have to do with the role of the minister within the congregation? What does it have to do with our role as ministers of the Gospel to the world?
 - **Today we will pray together for...** the household of faith, that we may contribute to its strength by doing good for its members and for all.
- Recommended Hymn: Days of Elijah
- **1 Timothy 4:6 - “If you put these things before the brothers, you will be a good servant of Christ Jesus, being trained in the words of faith and of the good doctrine that you have followed.”**
 - Read the paragraph before this (1 Timothy 4:1-5) together. What things are ministers meant to put before the brethren?
 - What does this passage have to do with the role of the minister within the congregation? What does it have to do with our role as ministers of the Gospel to the world?
 - **Today we will pray together for...** opportunities to grow in our knowledge of the Gospel and our dedication to its preaching.

- Recommended Hymn: Let the Lower Lights Be Burning
- **2 Timothy 4:1-2** - “I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by His appearing and by His kingdom: preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching.”
 - What does it mean to reprove, rebuke, and exhort? How does the Gospel do each of these things when it is preached?
 - What makes a good preacher of the word according to this verse? Do the ministers at our congregation do a good job of preaching the word?
 - What does this passage have to do with the role of the minister within the congregation? What does it have to do with our role as ministers of the Gospel to the world?
 - **Today we will pray together for...** the ministers of our congregation to preach the word boldly and powerfully, and for our family to do the same.
- Recommended Hymn: Rescue the Perishing
- **Titus 2:1** - “But as for you, teach what accords with sound doctrine.”
 - What is sound doctrine? What things does Paul want Titus to teach?
 - What role does a congregation’s minister have in teaching sound doctrine to others? What role do we have in teaching sound doctrine to others?
 - What does this passage have to do with the role of the minister within the congregation? What does it have to do with our role as ministers of the Gospel to the world?
 - **Today we will pray together for...** greater knowledge of sound doctrine, and greater motivation to live lives that accord with sound doctrine.
- Recommended Hymn: Humble Yourselves
- **James 3:1** - “Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness.”
 - Is James saying that we should not all try to teach others the Gospel? What does this verse mean in light of Jesus’s great commission?
 - What is the standard by which we will be judged? Why will teachers be judged more strictly according to this standard?
 - What does this passage have to do with the role of the minister within the congregation? What does it have to do with our role as ministers of the Gospel to the world?
 - **Today we will pray together for...** those who teach the Gospel to be well-studied and guided by the Spirit through God’s Word at all times.