COMMUNITY GROUP HOMEWORK

The week of Sunday, September 13th

***Last week's sermon & this homework can be found at gbcmt.org/sermons or on the GBC App*

Prayer and Praise:

As we begin a new session of Community Groups, share with the group how you have struggled or grown over the past six months considering the year that 2020 has been.

What gifts has the Lord given to you in this past season?

After prayer, please continue praising God through song: *#15 – Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

Together in the Word:

1. Read 1 Timothy 3:8-13. What is the primary responsibility of those who would hold the office of deacon in the church?_____
2. Where does the authority of the deacons come from?_____
3. Why is the character of a deacon so important?_____
4. Consider verse 11. How can women deaconesses be a major source of blessing in the church?_____
5. Describe what the home life of a deacon should look like._____
6. Considering the qualifications for the office of deacon, would you qualify for this role? If not, what areas of your life do you need to grow in before you could serve in this way?_____

SERVANTS OF THE LORD AND THE CHURCH

1 Timothy 3:8–13

Series #13

The following are questions designed to facilitate greater learning and deeper understanding of spiritual truths presented in the sermon, "**Servants of the Lord and the Church.**" All of the questions are answered as the sermon is presented. We hope that it will be a catalyst for spiritual growth in your life.

1. What are some examples of "shocking" or "outrageous" things that Jesus did while He was here on earth?
2. The story in John 13 takes place at what time of day and what day of the week?
3. Jesus thought about the fact that He would become sin and be what?
4. Jesus was not concerned about whom?
5. On the eve of our Lord's death, He wanted to make sure that His disciples knew that He what?
6. What was the greatest of all Jewish feasts?
7. The Exodus for the Jews is like what for us today?
8. What are the two ways the word, "end" is to be understood in the context of John 13?
9. Even in spite of the overwhelming love of Jesus, Judas did what?
10. John adds the words of verse 3 so maybe we will catch a glimpse of what?
11. Do all of the paintings of the last supper closely represent what the last supper actually looked like?

12. What is unannounced? What is contradictory to calling attention to yourself?

13. It was whose duty to wash peoples' feet?

14. According to Luke 22:24, what were the disciples doing when Jesus began to wash their feet?

15. What apostle had a foot-shaped mouth?

16. Peter couldn't bear the thought of being what?

17. What is the basic spiritual lesson Jesus taught in verse 10?

18. Verse 11 was an attempt by Jesus to do what?

19. The point of vv. 12-15 is that we ought to do what?

20. The special group of servants in the church are called what?

23. The Greek word for deacon (diakonos) simply means what?

24. Are the spiritual/moral qualifications for deacons different than those for elders?

25. What is the difference between qualifications for elders and for deacons?

26. It is the responsibility of deacons to serve alongside elders as what?

27. Deacons are to be examples to the flock in what ways?

28. Where do deacons get their authority?

29. Where do most commentators believe the office of deacon began?

30. Deacons are to live in such a way that they have a what?

31. What must be proven/demonstrated over time before a person can be in a role as a deacon?

32. Summarize the four reasons why Bryan believes verse 11 is referring to the office of deaconess, not deacons' wives?

33. God's pattern for the church is what?

34. Verse 11 focuses on female deaconesses and the emphasis is on what?

35. The qualification of, "one woman man" means what?

36. If a man has children and wants to be a deacon, what can he NOT allow to happen?

37. According to verse 13, if a deacon serves well, they are worthy of what?

38. Do you thank God for your deacons?

39. We are all supposed to be what? Are you?

40. John 13:17 could be translated, "If you know these things…" (complete the translation):

41. What is one of the reasons why many Christians are so unhappy and find no contentment/fulfillment in life?