



LESSON FOUR • “ACTING LIKE MEN IN THE CHURCH”
Mark 10:35-45; Ephesians 5:25; 1 Timothy 3:1-7; 1 Corinthians 16:13-14
Panel Discussion | June 30, 2026

Mark 10:35-45

³⁵ And James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came up to [Jesus] and said to Him, “Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of You.” ³⁶ And He said to them, “What do you want Me to do for you?” ³⁷ And they said to Him, “Grant us to sit, one at Your right hand and one at Your left, in Your glory.” ³⁸ Jesus said to them, “You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or to be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?” ³⁹ And they said to Him, “We are able.” And Jesus said to them, “The cup that I drink you will drink, and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized, ⁴⁰ but to sit at My right hand or at My left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.” ⁴¹ And when the ten heard it, they began to be indignant at James and John.

⁴² And Jesus called them to Him and said to them, “You know that those who are considered rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. ⁴³ But it shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, ⁴⁴ and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all. ⁴⁵ For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

Ephesians 5:25

...Christ loved the Church and gave Himself up for her...



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1 Timothy 3:1-7

¹ The saying is trustworthy: If anyone aspires to the office of overseer, he desires a noble task. ² Therefore an overseer must be above reproach, the husband of one wife, sober-minded, self-controlled, respectable, hospitable, able to teach, ³ not a drunkard, not violent but gentle, not quarrelsome, not a lover of money. ⁴ He must manage his own household well, with all dignity keeping his children submissive, ⁵ for if someone does not know how to manage his own household, how will he care for God's church? ⁶ He must not be a recent convert, or he may become puffed up with conceit and fall into the condemnation of the devil. ⁷ Moreover, he must be well thought of by outsiders, so that he may not fall into disgrace, into a snare of the devil.

1 Corinthians 16:13-14

¹³ Be watchful, stand firm in the faith, act like men, be strong.
¹⁴ Let all that you do be done in love.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What did you hear from the panel this morning? What stands out to you?
2. Read the quotation below. How are we "connoisseurs" and "critics" of the church?

"Surely you know that if a man can't be cured of churchgoing, the next best thing is to send him all over the neighborhood looking for the church that 'suits' him until he becomes a taster or connoisseur of churches.... The search for a 'suitable' church makes the man a critic where the Enemy wants him to be a pupil." C.S. Lewis, *The Screwtape Letters*

3. How do these different perspectives impact the way we relate to the church?
"I go to church." vs "I am the church."
"I consume and critique the church." vs "I'm called to be a member of the church."
4. Do we aspire to be the kind of man described in 1 Timothy 3? Why or why not?
5. What does it look like for us to love, serve, and sacrifice for the church?
Have we found a specific way to do this? What's our next step?
6. How does Jesus give us the pattern and the power to act like men in the church?