

1-Why is spiritual leadership within the church so important?

2-If God raises up leaders (Moses, Joshua, David, Peter, Paul) then what role does the church, bible colleges, and schools of religion have to play in this process?

3-1 Timothy 3:1 says "whoever aspires to be an overseer desires a NOBLE TASK." Do you agree with that statement? Why or why not?

4-Isaiah 42:1-4 lists numerous traits of the Messiah who, when that was written, had yet to arrive. How might you summarize those traits and apply them to spiritual leaders today?

5-1 Peter 5:1-7 has the apostle Peter addressing church leaders--think "shepherds." Peter had been told 3 times in John 21:11-17 by Jesus to FEED MY SHEEP. What images come to mind about "feeding sheep?"

6-In a "side bar" of those verses, the Risen Lord had prepared breakfast for some of His disciples. He said to them COME AND HAVE BREAKFAST. What images come to mind with His comment?

7-Ron mentioned Albert Bandura's 1961 experiment at Stanford on SOCIAL LEARNING. In this experiment he was theorizing that "aggressive behavior" among pre-school children can be learned by watching an adult behave--this was the famous BOBO THE CLOWN EXPERIMENT--that experiment is worth "Googling." He called his idea MODELING. Given all this, how does modeling apply to Hebrews 13:7?

8-If you "grew up" in church, did you have any spiritual role models? If so, what traits did you see being modeled that attracted you to adopt? Are you a spiritual role model to someone?

9-Hebrews 13:17 tells us that the spiritual leaders (elders, pastors, overseers, presbyters) are held accountable/responsible to Jesus as they serve/lead His church-flock of sheep. Is that a sobering thought that our "church leaders" have this accountability to Jesus upon His return? As church members, what is our responsibility to our leadership?

10-Given Hebrews 13 about shepherds and their flocks (churches), as a church member do I help my leaders so that their task is joyful and not a burden?