

ROOTED Student Notes

Lesson 8: Why I Need Spiritual Leadership God's Plan for Spiritual Leadership

Lesson Purpose

To understand why God established spiritual leadership in the church and how believers should respond to godly leadership.

Key Scriptures

- Proverbs 29:18
- Judges 21:25
- Proverbs 16:25
- Numbers 27:16–17
- Hebrews 5:1,4
- Romans 10:13–15
- 2 Corinthians 5:18–20
- Romans 13:7
- 1 Timothy 5:17
- Romans 12:10

Fill in the Blanks

1. Sheep need a _____ to lead and protect them.
2. Without spiritual leadership there is no _____, _____, or _____.
3. God always leads through _____ authority that is submitted to _____.
4. The ministry is a _____, not merely a profession.
5. Ministers are Christ's _____ to the world.
6. We are commanded to give _____ to those who labor in the Word and doctrine.
7. Respect for spiritual leadership is ultimately respect for _____.

1. Why Do I Need Spiritual Leadership?

- God compares His people to sheep.
- Spiritual leaders provide direction, protection, vision, and biblical teaching.
- Without leadership people drift into confusion and rebellion.
- God's Word is always the highest authority.

2. The Ministry Is Called by God

- God calls, prepares, and sends His ministers.
- The ministry is about reconciliation.
- God equips those He calls.

3. Respect and Honor in the Church

- Honor those who faithfully lead.
- Pray for your pastor.
- Respect the office and the person.

Think About It

- What qualities make a godly spiritual leader?
- How does honoring spiritual leadership strengthen the church?
- What practical way can I support my pastor this week?

Application

This Week I Will:

- Pray for my pastor every day.
- Read one of the key Scriptures.
- Look for one way to encourage a church leader.
- Follow biblical instruction with humility.

Memory Verse

Hebrews 5:4 — "And no man taketh this honour unto himself, but he that is called of God, as was Aaron."

Answer Key

1. shepherd
2. progress, direction, vision
3. spiritual, Scripture (Biblical doctrine)
4. calling
5. ambassadors
6. honor
7. God