

FATHOM CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **GOING DEEPER PODCAST** is back! We recorded a follow-up podcast on the roles of women in ministry. We hope this conversation helps you continue to process this difficult topic. fathomchurch.org/deeper/
- **MEMBERSHIP CLASS** If you have made Fathom your home church, and are not yet a Covenant Member, your next step is to attend our Membership Class on Sunday, October 6 from 11a-1p. LUNCH IS PROVIDED. Sign up at fathomchurch.org/members
- **FIRST SUNDAY FOOD DRIVE** We're starting a monthly first Sunday food drive. Please bring food donations to the Missions Table on Sunday, October 6, to be donated to local food pantries.

QUESTIONS:

1. Have someone in the group summarize the main point/sub points that were preached from Sunday's text. Were there any big things that the Lord revealed to you as you listened and reflected?
2. **SUBMIT TO THE WORD** What has your experience been with church leadership? Have you had good pastors/elders/leaders? If so, why were they good? Do you have any bad experiences you'd be willing to share? Why do you think church leadership can be such a place of good and bad?
3. **RESPOND IN WORSHIP** Do you actively pray for the elders you are under? What does that prayer discipline look like (be specific)? Do you think there would be as many leadership failures in the church if we were more vigilant in praying for our leaders?
4. **LIVE IN COMMUNITY** How much do you think a potential elder's home life should be examined? Pastor Chris pushed pretty hard that the home is the proving ground for ministry. Do you agree/disagree? What if a potential elder's life looks very good, but none of his children are Christians?
5. **JOIN ON MISSION** In a worldview that is obsessed with independence and "being your own boss" what does it say to the onlooking world for members of a church to be joyfully submitted to the biblically qualified elders of their church?

