SERMON NOTES

**Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus: The Superiority of Christ In All Things**

**A Sermon Series Through the Book of Hebrews**

 “God’s Gift of Godly Leaders”

**Hebrews 13: 7-9; 17**

**Godly and faithful leaders and the way in which God’s people relate to them, are a gift of God’s good \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for the local church.**

**The leaders in view of verse 7 are namely the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to whom God called to faithfully shepherd you in the past.**

**We are commanded in verse 7 to do something, namely: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, consider, and imitate.**

**We are commanded to remember one thing primarily from those faithful pastors of our past: the word of God that they \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to you.**

**We are commanded to consider one thing primarily from those who faithful pastors of our past: the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of their way of life.**

**A pastor’s teaching must accompany his \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (1 Timothy 4:16).**

**Pastors are \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ but should model for you faithfulness, repentance, apologizing and seeking forgiveness when he has messed up.**

**We finish our race well - the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ designed way – by remembering, considering, and imitating our leaders, the word they spoke to us and the outcome of their lives.**

**Faithful pastors sometimes have to do hard things because they are \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ things.**

**The greatest act of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and thanks that you can give to God for the faithful pastors you have known is by remembering the word of God they spoke to you, considering their way of life and imitating their faith.**

**The remembering and considering of the word of God given and deposited to you by faithful shepherds helps to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ you from being led away by strange and diverse teachings.**

**God’s word is not just true, it is the standard of truth to which all other claims must be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Jesus is the same yesterday today and forever and, therefore His word is the same yesterday, today, and forever.**

**It is precisely because of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ nature of Jesus and His word that we can detect strange and various and new teachings.**

**We are called in v17 now to relate a specific way to godly leaders we \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ have in our lives.**

**My submission and obedience to the Godly and faithful pastors that God has given to shepherd me is what God in His wisdom has designed to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ me and keep me on track as I run the race of faith (Ephesians 20: 28; Titus 1:5; 1 Peter 5: 1-2; 1 Timothy 5:17).**

**God is a God of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

**There is no authority except to the extent that God \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ it.**

**When we obey and submit to the teaching and leading of our pastor you are in actuality obeying and submitting to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

**Be a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of whom the Bible says “they received the word with all eagerness, examining the Scriptures daily to see if these things were so” (Acts 17:11).**

**Pastoring is a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ task (1 Timothy 3: 1) but there is certainly a weightiness as pastors are called to keep watch over souls.**

**Like a shepherd, a pastor must stay awake and alert for any signs of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for the sheep.**

**A pastor will give an \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to God not only for himself but also for those who were under his care.**

**As a pastor there is no greater joy than seeing God’s people \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in Christlikeness (3 John 4; 2 Thessalonians 1:3; Phil 4:1).**

**Faithful pastors are a part of God’s \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ design for authority in your life.**

Congregational Scripture Reading – 1 Timothy 1: 13-14

Follow the pattern of the soundwords that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. By the Holy Spirit who dwells within us, guard the good deposit entrusted to you.

Blanks: design; pastors; remember; spoke; outcome; life; not perfect; God; right; praise; guard; measured; unchanging; currently; safeguard; authority; gives; God; Berean; joyous; danger; account; growing; good;