# Home Group Discussion Guide

## Look To The House – 1 Timothy 3:1-16

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*The following questions are designed to help groups explore the message above by challenging participants to consider how God is wanting them to apply it to their lives.*
*The questions are a **guide** to help lead discussion.*

***Please don't feel that all questions need to be asked**, instead respond to the needs of your group. If you have new people in your group, take the opportunity to introduce each other and clarify any expectations that are present in your group (such as confidentiality).*

## GETTING STARTED

1. When you hear the word *family* or *household*, what comes to mind?
    a. What are some of the things that make a household function well?

2. What was the main challenge or idea that stood out to you from Sunday's message?

## REFLECTING ON THE MESSAGE

**Consider 1 Timothy 3:14-16**

1. Paul describes the church as *God's household*, bringing together people with different backgrounds, experiences and perspectives.
    a. How does this picture challenge or shape the way we understand the church?

**Consider 1 Timothy 3:1-12**

2. In verse 1, Paul describes leadership in the church as a noble task. The word translated noble is kalos, meaning good, beautiful or honourable. Rather than focusing on status or position, Paul describes a calling to serve others.
    a. How does this challenge the way we often think about leadership?
    b. In what ways does this idea of a beautiful calling extend beyond church leadership to everyone in God's household?

**Consider 1 Timothy 3:13-16**

3. In verse 13, Paul speaks about those who serve well gaining confidence in their faith in Christ Jesus. As we participate in God's household, we also have opportunities to grow in our own faith.
    a. How have you experienced your relationship with Jesus growing through serving others?
    b. Why might actively participating in God's household help us grow as followers of Jesus?

## RESPONDING TO THE MESSAGE

1. We each have a part to play in God's household, even though our gifts, abilities and opportunities may look different.
    a. What does playing your part currently look like? What could it look like?

2. Jesus tells His disciples that people will recognise them by the way they love one another (John 13:34-35). If someone asked the wider Alice Springs community about our church, what would they say?

## OPPORTUNITY FOR PRAYER

Our Home Groups are the primary place for pastoral care to occur within the Church. We would encourage you to take the opportunity to pray for each other in this space.