



Built on the Rock: The Healthy Congregation A Webinar Bible Study Handout for Lesson 3



Use this handout to prepare for discussion questions. You'll answer them in the chat box, in small group breakout rooms, or in a poll. This handout also prepares you for looking up a few Bible passages.

Homework Assignment from last Week

Be prepared to discuss these questions in a small group breakout room:

1. Briefly introduce yourself (name and location).

Having read chapters 3 & 4 from Built on the Rock:

1. What kind of idols do you recognize in your congregation?
2. What difficulties have those idols led to in your congregation?
3. What brings healing to those who struggle with idolatry?



You'll have 6 minutes for this exercise.

Spiritual Leadership

In your chat box:

What are some common one- or two-word descriptions that come to mind when you hear the term "leader?"

In the small group breakout room, have someone read the passage. For each passage, identify the leader referenced and the qualifications for service (see this same chart on page 14 of the seminar guide).



You'll have 7 minutes for this exercise.

Bible passage	Leader Referenced	Qualifications for Service
Acts 6:2-4		
1 Timothy 3:1-7		
1 Timothy 3:8-13		

How Well Does the Board's Work Reflect a Spiritual Focus?

Let's take a poll.

In your board meetings, how much time do you spend together in Bible study and prayer?

1. Less than 5 minutes
2. 5 to 15 minutes
3. 16 to 20 minutes
4. 21 to 30 minutes
5. More than 30 minutes

If you are not on a leadership board, speculate how much time you think your elders or council spend in Bible study and prayer?

Caring for Congregational Members

Chat box question:

What is the most challenging aspect of making a member visit?

Praying for Members in Meetings

Chat box question:

What do you think would be the effect of your leadership board praying for members and sending them a card?

Homework Assignment for Next Week

Be prepared to share your answers in your breakout room next week.

1. Read chapters 10 and 11 from *Built on the Rock*.
2. What two or three ideas from the book or webinar do you think would make a difference in your board meetings?
3. Lay leaders: Name one or two ways you can provide care for your pastor(s).
4. Pastors: Name one or two ways that you appreciate how leaders or members show care for you and your family.

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