

## **Godly Men w/ Feet of Clay**

### **2.21.10**

#### **Remember the Sermon**

Talk about the sermon with your group.

What stood out to you?

What convicted you?

You might need some memory jogs for your group.

Brian talked about how some of us have been hurt by church leaders. Do you struggle to trust leaders in the church?

Are there areas of hurt and disappointment that you need to deal with in order to move forward trusting leaders in the church?

How can you guard against these issues of hurt and pain affecting the way you relate to the current leaders in your life at Exodus?

#### **Read 1 Timothy 1:16**

How does your life point to the perfect patience of Jesus?

How might not being honest about struggles with sin keep people from seeing the perfect patience of Jesus in your life?

#### **Read 1 Timothy 3:1-7 and Titus 1:5-9**

How are the lists different? How are they the same?

Talk through the qualifications in 1 Timothy 3. Answer any questions anyone may have about them.

Brian used a quote (*see above*) from DA Carson that said, “*Indeed, with only a couple of exceptions, all of the qualifications listed here are elsewhere in the New Testament demanded of all Christians.*” Since everything on the qualifications list is required of all who profess Christ, how are you seeing growth in these areas in your life? What are areas in which you need to repent and grow?

What do we communicate about Christ and the gospel when we are satisfied with where we are in our walk with Him? When we stagnate in our maturity?

What are some practical steps for you to grow as a follower of Jesus?

Brian said, **Jesus doesn’t call you to self-improvement, but to a life changing journey.**

What is the difference between the self-improvement/self-help gospel and Biblical Christianity? Would people listening to your life tell a difference between the two? Could they see what you believe?

**Read Ephesians 2:8-10**

How do these verses speak of the gospel?

Brian said, **The Potter has made you for a purpose...why would you resist that?** What's your answer?

God has a purpose for you. What about that scares you? excites you?

Why do we need the gospel every step of our journey?

**Close your time praying for our church.**

-Pray for godly men to lead.

-Pray that all of our church would be growing in our faith.

-Pray that we would be people who embrace the work God has prepared for us.