

Marks & Skills of a Gospel Community Leader

Redeemer's Gospel Communities are a discipleship environment where we learn more about who God is through His Word, and how to follow Jesus together. Gospel Communities are a place where we engage with one another as a gospel-centered family and where we live on mission in our everyday lives.

Our Gospel Communities are led by men and women who will usually have the qualities of a deacon (as defined in 1 Timothy 3:8-13) or will be growing in those qualities. They will have a deep commitment to putting Christ first in every part of their life and will have a firm grasp of the value of the local church and the mission of Redeemer Round Rock.

Gospel Community leaders are servant leaders who maintain the front lines of the family-in-Christ relationships at Redeemer. They help care physically, logistically, and spiritually for our community. They are not required to care for the church in the same way that is required of elders, but in a way that is required of any Christian who is called to bear the burdens of one another (Gal. 6:2) and build each other up (1 Thess. 5:11).

In addition to the qualities of a deacon laid out in 1 Timothy 3:8-13, Gospel Community leaders also currently possess, or are growing in, several marks and skills that are conducive to fruitful ministry as a Gospel Community leader at Redeemer.

Marks of a Gospel Community Leader

- Exhibit or be growing in deacon-like qualities per 1 Timothy 3:8-13
 - Dignified (*honorable, respectable, esteemed*)
 - Not double-tongued (*sincere, not two-faced*)
 - Not addicted to much wine (*lacks self control and discipline*)
 - Not greedy for dishonest gain (*not a lover of money*)
 - Sound in faith and life (*consistency and congruity between belief in the gospel and behavior in life*)
 - Blameless (*a high degree of overall character; reputation, theological positions, moral/spiritual/doctrinal maturity, service in the church*)
 - Godly wife (*can refer to the wife of a deacon, or a deaconess; dignified, respectable, not a gossip or slanderer, good judgment*)
 - Husband of one wife (*faithful in marriage*)
 - Manage children and household well
- Humility
- Genuine love for others
- Consistency and reliability
- Growing and maturing on their own
- Healthy & Teachable

Skills of a Gospel Community Leader

- Good communicator and administrator, able to delegate and share responsibility
- Relational / Interpersonal Skills
- Able to build relationships across differences and maintain those relationships
- Ability to lovingly challenge *and* faithfully encourage the Redeemer family
- Ability to facilitate deep and open discussion, balancing biblical information and personal application
- Disciple-maker
- Ability to handle conflict with patience and to bring peace in tense situations