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Raising Up Lay Leaders

Moses' father-in-law said to him, "What you are doing is not good. You and the people with you will become tired and weak. For the work is too much for you. You cannot do it alone. Deuteronomy 18:17-18

Let no one despise you for your youth, but set the believers an example in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, in purity. 1 Timothy 4:12

What are the potential risks involved in entrusting tasks to lay leaders? What are the potential benefits?

How do you identify people in your congregation with leadership potential?

Do you feel anxiety about delegating? Why or why not?

How might pouring into lay leaders bring new life into your congregation?

Dear God, you call and enable many different kinds of people to serve and minister to your people. Would you raise up lay leaders in my congregation? I cannot do this work alone. Open my eyes to the people already before me who you might be calling into a service role in this church. Help me to identify them, equip them for the work of ministry, and encourage them as they serve. In your Son's name, who humbled Himself and took the form of a servant. Amen.