

# Jesus: God's Final Word

## Healthy Churches/Healthy Leaders

Hebrews 13:7-14

### Some Imperatives for Christians in their Local Church:

\_\_\_\_\_ to the primary focus of pastoral ministry – \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

*I can do this best by ...*

\_\_\_\_\_, and if worthy, \_\_\_\_\_ the life modeled before you.

*Is there consistency? Authenticity?*

*1 Timothy 4:16*

\_\_\_\_\_ all that is taught, not by how it makes you \_\_\_\_\_, but whether it is  
\_\_\_\_\_.

*To do this, you'll need ...*

Two huge questions as you listen/respond/obey:

1) *Do they* \_\_\_\_\_?

2) *Do they inspire/encourage/motivate you to live for* \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_?

\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_ to those in authority over you.

<sup>17</sup> Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they are keeping watch over your souls, as those who will have to give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with groaning, for that would be of no advantage to you.

Hebrews 13:17

### Authority v. Authoritarianism

At some level, we all long for and need \_\_\_\_\_ ...

Pastors/church leaders can be guilty of manipulating that legitimate need via  
\_\_\_\_\_ ...

At Calvary, proper (biblical/ecclesial) authority is \_\_\_\_\_ by a \_\_\_\_\_  
of elders.

The rightful authority wielded by the elders is the authority of  
\_\_\_\_\_, not the authority of the office or individual. (v. 7)

Theirs' is authority of \_\_\_\_\_, not \_\_\_\_\_...

The final *exercise* of authority is \_\_\_\_\_.

The ruler of the church is \_\_\_\_\_.