

1. When you think of church leadership, what comes to mind - good and bad? As we begin to understand Biblical church leadership through studying God's Word, what differences are you noticing? What similarities? Why is it important that we follow God's Word above our tradition, our thoughts and our opinions?

2. The role of an Elder is multi-faceted. This week we looked specifically at the pastoral role of an Elder. The pastoral role involves four main areas listed below. Take time as a group to understand this aspect of an Elder. It's good to remember that Elders are not some specialized group of people that are brought into the church; rather, they are called, qualified and appointed men that are raised up from within the church.

A. Elders are SHEPHERDS *Psalm 23 • Acts 20:28 • 1 Peter 5:1-2a*

:: Who is our ultimate example of what a shepherd is and does? What cues can we take from the Lord as to the way Elders can function as shepherds?

:: What insight do you get from God's Word about Elders as shepherds?

B. Elders PROTECT the flock *Acts 15:1-6 • Acts 20:17, 28-31 • Titus 1:5,6,9*

:: What insight do you get from God's Word about Elders as protectors?

C. Elders FEED the flock *John 21:15-16 • Acts 20:27 • Ephesians 4:11-13 • Titus 1:9*

:: What is the ultimate end of Elders feeding the flock? Is it just for the flock, or is it bigger than that?

:: What insight do you get from God's Word about Elders as feeders?

D. Elders LEAD the flock *1 Corinthians 11:1 • 1 Timothy 5:17 • Titus 1:7 • Hebrews 13:17 • 1 Peter 5:3*

:: What insight do you get from God's Word about Elders as leaders?

:: What is the role of the flock in relation to the Elders?

3. What practical takeaways can you apply to your life this week from your study of God's Word and Elder pastoral leadership?



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The definition of Biblical Eldership:

Biblical Eldership is _____ leadership of the local church by a council of qualified, Spirit-appointed men.

The Pastoral Role of an Elder

A. Elders are _____ Acts 20:28 • 1 Peter 5:1-2a

"Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God, which he obtained with his own blood." - Acts 20:28

B. Elders _____ the flock Acts 15:1-6 • Acts 20:17, 28-31 • Titus 1:5,6,9

"He (an Elder) must hold firm to the trustworthy word as taught, so that he may be able to give instruction in sound doctrine and also to rebuke those who contradict it." - Titus 1:9

C. Elders _____ the flock John 21:15-16 • Acts 20:27 • Ephesians 4:11-13 • Titus 1:9

"And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ," - Ephesians 4:11-13

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"Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ." - 1 Corinthians 11:1