

SHEPHERDING

the Flock of God

(1 Peter 5:1-4)

A couple of definitions for starters:

1. The _____ is a _____ - an *organism*, not an *organization*, building, denomination, or movement - and Jesus is the _____. (*Romans 12:5; 1 Corinthians 12:27; Ephesians 1:23, 4:12, 4:16, 5:30*)
2. The Church is a _____ of sheep of which Jesus is the _____ Shepherd and to which men are appointed as _____ - shepherds. (*Psalm 100:3; John 10:11; 1 Peter 5:4; Hebrews 13:20; Acts 11:30, 14:23, 15:2, 20:17*)

What an Elder is and does:

3. Elders function as a team, sharing _____ and _____. (*Exodus 18*)
4. Elders are not businessmen but _____. (*1 Peter 5:2; Acts 20:28-31; Psalm 23:1-4*)
5. In character and conduct, elders are to serve as an _____. (*1 Peter 5:3; 1 Corinthians 11:1; 1 Timothy 3; Titus 1*)
6. Elders are held _____. (*1 Peter 5:4; 1 Timothy 3; Titus 1*)

What an Elder is NOT and does NOT do:

7. Elders are not _____ into it. (*1 Peter 5:2; Ephesians 6:7-9*)
8. Elders are not _____ - hungry. (*Matthew 20:25-26; 1 Timothy 3:1*)
9. Elders do not _____ self. (*Acts 20:28*)
10. Elders are not _____.



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1. Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?
2. Who is the *head* of the church? What does this mean? What happens when we 'lose touch with our head'?
3. On Sunday, John said that the church is more of an *organism* than it is an *organization*. In what ways is this true? How can we contribute to this identity?
4. Paul urges Timothy to "*not be hasty in laying on of hands*" (**1 Timothy 5:22**) - that is, in appointing leaders in the church. This is true in a number of ways: don't be too quick to do something important. Why is being hasty dangerous? What are the benefits of waiting?
5. Read Matthew 20:25-26. Using these verses for starters, describe what servant leadership looks like. How does this differ from some of the leadership styles we see in the world around us?
6. Church leaders are held accountable in a number of ways, one of which is by leading as a team that shares responsibilities and stewardship of the church. What are some possible dangers of 'one man running the show'? What are the benefits of a united team of leaders?
7. (Read Phillip Keller's - [A Shepherd Looks at Psalm 23](#).) This is not a question...just a suggestion :)

