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## **The Church: Defined – Who Leads Our Church?**

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*Small Group Discussion Questions*

### **Getting Started**

Take some time to catch up and connect as a group. Pray before discussion.  
Expect God to move through your time together!

### **Pacing Your Group**

Move quickly through “observation” leaving enough time for “reflection”, “discussion”, and “surrender.”

### **Scripture Reading**

Re-read the scripture passages as needed when you discuss the questions.

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**Observation:** *What does this scripture passage say?*

**Reflection and Discussion:** *What are some first thoughts flowing from the scriptures?*

*Talk together about how the scriptures connect to everyday life.*

**Look up and read Colossians 1:15-18 and Acts 13:1-5**

1. What do these verses tell us about Christ’s relationship with the Church?
2. What are the characteristics of a strong Christ-led Church?

**Look up and read 1 Peter 2:9 and Ephesians 4:11-12**

3. What do these verses tell us about the role of church members in the life of the Church?
4. Describe “healthy ministry”.

**Look up and read Acts 14:23, 1 Peter 5:1-4, and Hebrews 13:17**

5. What do these verses tell us about the ministry of elders in the Church?
6. What is the role of a shepherd?

**Look up and read Ecclesiastes 4:12**

7. Describe the benefits of shared leadership. Why is this important?

**Surrender: Responding to God’s voice.**

8. What is one thing God is saying to you through this study and discussion?

**\*\* Take some time to pray for one another in response to what has been discussed today \*\***

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**We’re here!**

We would love to hear about how things are going in your small group!  
Reach out any time with questions, ideas, thoughts, or concerns.

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