

Be the Church Week 4 - Leadership

Intro Question - *Who Is in Charge of the Church?*

BF&M 2000 - Each congregation operates under the Lordship of Christ through democratic processes. In such a congregation each member is responsible and accountable to Christ as Lord. Its scriptural officers are pastors and deacons.

Will teaching Building Block 1

Question 1 - *What type of responsibility should congregational authority make you feel if you are a church member?*

As a member of the church you have a part in the faithfulness of our church. You are expected to discern any false teaching that may come in to the church. You have a vote in the appointment of committees and leaders. You even have the ability to speak into the budget and ministry decisions of the church. While there should be a healthy trust between church members and the leaders who manage all these things, members should be invested and involved enough to ensure the faithfulness of our church's ministry.

Will teaching Building Blocks 2 & 3

Question 2 - *Why is it so important to base our decisions about church and life on what the Bible says?*

The Bible is the unchanging word of God that gives us a true standard of truth. Other sources of truth, like our feelings and cultural influence, change over time. Public opinion is a moving target and there are times when the culture supports things that are different from biblical teaching. Often our own feelings are so affected by the culture around us that it is difficult to discern what is truth. But we can be certain that God's word is always truth.

Question 3 - *Read 1 Timothy 3:1-7. Do any of these qualifications for pastors stand out to you? Why?*