## Who leads and serves the church?

# **Early Church Leadership**

### **Key Terms**

Elders/Pastors/Bishops

- 1.) presbuteros
- 2.) episkopos
- 3.) poimēn

### **Deacons**

- 1.) diakonos
- 2.) diakoneō
- 3.) diakonia

#### **Established Churches Need Leaders**

- 1.) Elders/Pastor
- 2.) Deacons

## What is the Responsibility of these Leaders to the Church?

#### What is the Church's Role towards the leaders in the church?

### **Further Reading**

#### Deacons:

- Matt Smethurst, <u>Deacons: How They Serve and Strengthen the Church</u> (Crossway, 2021)
- Alexander Strauch, Paul's Vision for the Deacons (Lewis & Roth, 2017)
- Benjamin Merkle, <u>40 Questions About Elders and Deacons</u> (Kregel, 2007).

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