

## Function and Role of Elders

These are the questions that were raised during the first session of our Study on the role and function of Elders. Please consider them carefully. If you have additional questions to be added to the list; bring them to Bible Study on Wednesday evening or get them to Jeff Kenee.

1. What is the purpose of elders?
  2. What Process of selecting elders will we use?
  3. How will the congregation know the men who will lead?
  4. How can we know if these men and their wives can hold Confidentiality?
  5. What does a spiritual man looks like?
  6. What does a spiritual woman look like?
  7. What is the elder's wife's role?
  8. How does God work through us to choose the elders?
  9. What does it mean to manage one's household well?
  10. What does the husband of one wife mean?
  11. What does a one woman man look like?
  12. Are there term limits on elders?
  13. Who holds elders accountable?
  14. When does a person's offspring transfer from being a child to adult?
    - a. What is the responsibility of parents with adult children outside the household?
  15. How old must one be to be an elder and how long in the faith?
  16. How do we determine somebody knows who God is and who determines that?
  17. What does an elder's life look like within the community? (reputation)
  18. Is it appropriate for an elder to drink alcohol?
  19. Must a prospective Elder already be functioning like an Elder? If so what does that look like?
  20. What does it mean to be above reproach?
  21. What role does the reputation of elder's wife have?
  22. What is the congregation's responsibility to the elder/elders?
  23. What is the elder's prayer life like?
  24. Is there any forgiven sin that could prohibit a man from serving as an elder?
  25. What teaching skills does an Elder have?
  26. What are the checks and balances/ relationships between the elder and congregation, deacons, evangelists
  27. What is the role of the congregation towards Elders?
  28. Can a preacher serve as an elder?
  29. What congregational decisions can an elder make?
  30. Who sets the vision/direction of the congregation?
  31. If changes need to be made who makes that decision?
  32. Who hires and fires staff?
  33. Who decides where and how the money is spent.
  34. Who chooses elders?
  35. How are elders chosen?
- Acts 6-Speaks of Deacons ; Acts 20:28; Titus 1:5-told to go and appoint elders, Galatians 5:22-23