

Remember that an interpretation is just that. No one should try to force his or her understanding on someone else. They should just plant the seed and let God water it. Don't be critical of anyone's interpretation either. If you disagree, share your understanding and let it go at that. If you find yourself facing a person with a lot of passion, say something like "That's very interesting, I'll give it some thought."

Seek First His Kingdom

In other church experiences how involved were you in selecting the church's leadership?

Have you ever considered working in a church leadership role?

Elder selection shouldn't be a popularity contest. How is discerning God's choice different than deciding among ourselves?

Do you believe that an elder that is a blessing at one church will be a good fit at any church? Should the congregational makeup (race, affluence, background, etc) be reflected in the elders of our church? Why?

Do you believe that the Bible prohibits women elders in all circumstances?

Do you know who our elders and deacons are and what they do?

Can you think of someone that has the gifts and graces to be an elder in our church?

Scriptures

Matthew 6:25-34

2 Corinthians 6:1-2

Acts 6:2

Luke 9:16

Acts 6:5 (NAS)

Matthew 16:17-19

1 Timothy 3:2

Galatians 2:11

1 Timothy 3:3

John 18:10

Titus 1:8

Matthew 26:74

1 Timothy 3:2

1 Timothy 3:4

1 Timothy 2:11-12

Colossians 1:24-25

1 Timothy 4:6

Romans 16:1