



## Group Discussion and Application

1. Moses was the shepherd of God's flock in the wilderness. Elders in the NT Church are exhorted to shepherd God's flock (1Pet 5:1-4). What is involved in shepherding God's people? What needs are addressed in this process?
2. Why are the qualifications for leadership in the Church primarily spiritual/moral? What criteria are sometimes mistakenly used as qualifications for leadership in the church today?
3. What are the results of having the wrong leaders governing the church?
4. An estimated 1,400 pastors leave the ministry each month. Burnout/exhaustion is a frequent problem among pastors today. What are some of the contributing factors to this?
5. In addition to the delegation of duties to additional leaders (Ex. 18:21f), what are some other specific, practical steps the leaders of God's people should take to prevent wearing out themselves and the congregation?
6. How is the wearing out of God's leaders related to the wearing out of the congregation (v.18)?
7. What are some of the duties of the church that should be shared today and not handled exclusively by the "paid pastor" of the church?
8. What do you think would have happened if the congregation of Israelites, (rather than Moses) had been given the final say in the appointment of leaders? What are the implications/lessons for the selection of church leaders in the Church today?
9. As a part of your group prayer time, pray for the leaders of Grace Fellowship.



## Personal Reflection and Response

1. Spend time praying for the leaders of our congregation.
2. Begin prayerfully considering the names of those you would suggest as leaders for our church.



## Family Homework

1. Discuss some ways your family can support and encourage our church leaders.
2. What are some of the special needs of church leaders? Pray for each of the leaders of our congregation.



# Lessons on Leadership

Exodus 18:13-27

*Jethro's counsel to Moses provides instruction on the godly leadership of God's people.*

**1** The \_\_\_\_\_ for godly leadership.

**2** The \_\_\_\_\_ of godly leadership.

**3** The \_\_\_\_\_ of godly leadership.

**4** The \_\_\_\_\_ for godly leadership.

**5** The \_\_\_\_\_ of godly leadership.

**6** Our \_\_\_\_\_ to godly leadership.