



## Group Discussion and Application

1. How have church leaders served as examples to you?
2. Why is “*shepherding*” a good image for leadership in the church? Describe what is involved in shepherding the church.
3. At what age is a qualified man ready to serve as an elder?
4. How should men be trained for church eldership?
5. Why is a plurality of elders important in the local congregation?
6. How can we discern if a church leader has a proper motivation for ministry?
7. What does servant-leadership look like in practical terms?
8. In what ways can members of the congregation show proper respect for their leaders?
9. What are some of the temptations unique to church leadership?
10. How/what should we pray for the leaders of our congregation?



## Personal Reflection and Response

1. In what specific ways might you encourage the leaders of our church?
2. Devote time to prayer for the under-shepherds of our congregation.



## Family Homework

1. Make a list of the elders of Grace Fellowship.
2. Each day select one of these men and...
  - a. discuss how he serves our congregation
  - b. consider his personal needs and the needs of his family
  - c. discuss specific ways to encourage and show respect to this leader.
  - d. spend time praying for this leader.



# An Overview of Overseers

1 Peter 5:1-4

*Peter describes the role, responsibilities and reward of faithful elders.*

**1** The \_\_\_\_\_ of elders.

**2** The \_\_\_\_\_ to elders.

**3** The \_\_\_\_\_ for elders.