

Lessons In Leadership
"Laying A Foundation"
Selected Scriptures

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The *church* is a c o m m u n i t y comprised of individual p e o p l e who have been set f r e e by f a i t h in *Christ*.

Foundations concerning l e a d e r s h i p in the church:

- Jesus Christ is the h e a d of His church
(Eph 4:15-16; 5:23; Col 1:18)
- A l l members of the church are p r i e s t s and m i n i s t e r s (1 Pet 2:9; 4:10-11; Rev 1:5-6)
- God calls s o m e members to o v e r s e e and l e a d the church (Acts 20:28-31; 1 Pet 5:1-4; Heb 13:7, 17; 1 Thess 5:12)
- These l e a d e r s in the church were called e l d e r s (Acts 14:23, 15:22, 20:17; Titus 1:5; James 5:14; 1 Pet 5:1)
 - There are *three* terms in the New Testament used to refer to these leaders:
 - poimen* = s h e p h e r d / p a s t o r
 - presbuteros = e l d e r
 - episcopos* = o v e r s e e r / b i s h o p
 - These terms are used i n t e r c h a n g e a b l y to refer to the s a m e people
(Acts 20:17-18, 28; 1 Pet 5:1-2)
- The r e s p o n s i b i l i t y of the elders is to l e a d and f e e d the flock (Titus 1:9; 1 Tim 5:17;

**Note: God has not been s i l e n t concerning the f u n c t i o n of *leadership* in His church
(1 Tim 3:14-15)**