

# The Church Is . . . Led by Elders, Served by Deacons

**Scripture: Acts 20:28-31; 6:1-6; 1 Timothy 3:1-13**

Also: 1 Peter 5:2; 2 Peter 3:18

## Questions

1. What has challenged you, changed you or confused you from this week's sermon or the Scriptures in it?
2. Read Acts 20:28-31; 6:1-6; 1 Timothy 3:1-13.
3. The main idea from this week's sermon is that Elders lead the church by being servant leaders while deacons serve the church by being lead servants.
4. Do you notice (or see) the church's elders and/or deacons?
5. The main point of this week's sermon was: The helpless dependence of a child is the requirement for eternal life.
  - o What happens when leadership is good?
  - o What happens when leadership is bad? Are there different kinds of bad?
6. Elders' responsibilities
  - o 1) Lead Under Christ.
  - o 2) Care For The Body of Christ.
  - o 3) Teach The Word of Christ.
  - o 4) Model The Character of Christ.
7. Deacons' Responsibilities
  - o 1) Meet Specific Needs.
  - o 2) Support The Ministry of the Word.
  - o 3) Unify The Body Around the Word.
8. Does that match with your expectations of leadership? Why or why not?
9. How can you help make church leadership better?
10. How can you make church leadership worse?
11. Do you know of someone that could be a good church leader (including yourself); if so, let one of the pastors know!

## Spend time praying for:

- ***For those who fill the elder & deacon roles (although we do not currently use that title), that God would help align us to do the work he's called us to do.***
- ***For the upcoming leadership classes***
- ***For those who will fill the elder & deacon roles in the future***