

Elders' class (Sunday Evenings)

June 14: (Jeff) "Character of an Overseer".

- Discussion to cover Qualities v. Qualifications (Emphasis on Qualities!) with an emphasis on moral character, being "above reproach", and conceptual moral terms, etc.

June 21 (Jeff) "Character of an Overseer" (cont.)

June 28 (Jeff) "Work of an Overseer".

- Word study on "presbyteros", "episkopos", and "poimon" (see 1 Pet 5:1-3, Acts 20:17-18, 28, etc.).
- See how related words are used and rooted in Old Testament Jewish System and see the function of an elder in words like "leader" (Exo 3:16-18, Num 11:16-30); "teacher" (Dt 31:9-13); "judges" (Dt 19:12; Josh 20:4).
- Discuss the imagery of a Shepherd.
- Look at other words such as "proistemi" (lead), "hegeomai" (govern), and "epimelomai" (look after).
- The function of an overseer is to "be a father" (guard, guide, protect, teach by word/example, etc.)

July 5 (Jeff) "Work of an Overseer" (cont.)

July 12 (Jeff) "Work of an Overseer" (cont.)

July 19 Gus (topic of his choosing)

July 26 Rob (topic of his choosing)

Aug 2 David (topic of his choosing)

Aug 9 David (topic of his choosing)

Aug 16 (Jeff) "The Work: Issues in context"

- Authority that elders have (1 Pet 5:1-3)
- Relationship with the congregation (Heb 13:17; 1 Thess 5:12-13)
- What is a congregation to do in the absence of overseers? (Not minority or majority rule, but MATURITY rule)

Aug 23 (Jeff) "Qualifications of an Elder"

- I don't intend to cover every qualification but will stress being a "one woman man", and probably dabble a bit into "faithful children".

Aug 30 Review