# ELDERS

#### FROM JERUSALEM TO LONDON

#### SCHEDULE

ΤΙΜΕ	SECTION	DETAIL
10-10.15	Introduction	Singing, prayer and welcome
10.15-10.55	Session 1	What is an Elder?
11.05-11.50	Session 2	What does an Elder do?
12-12.45	Session 3	An Elder's vision
12.45	Close	Prayer & Close

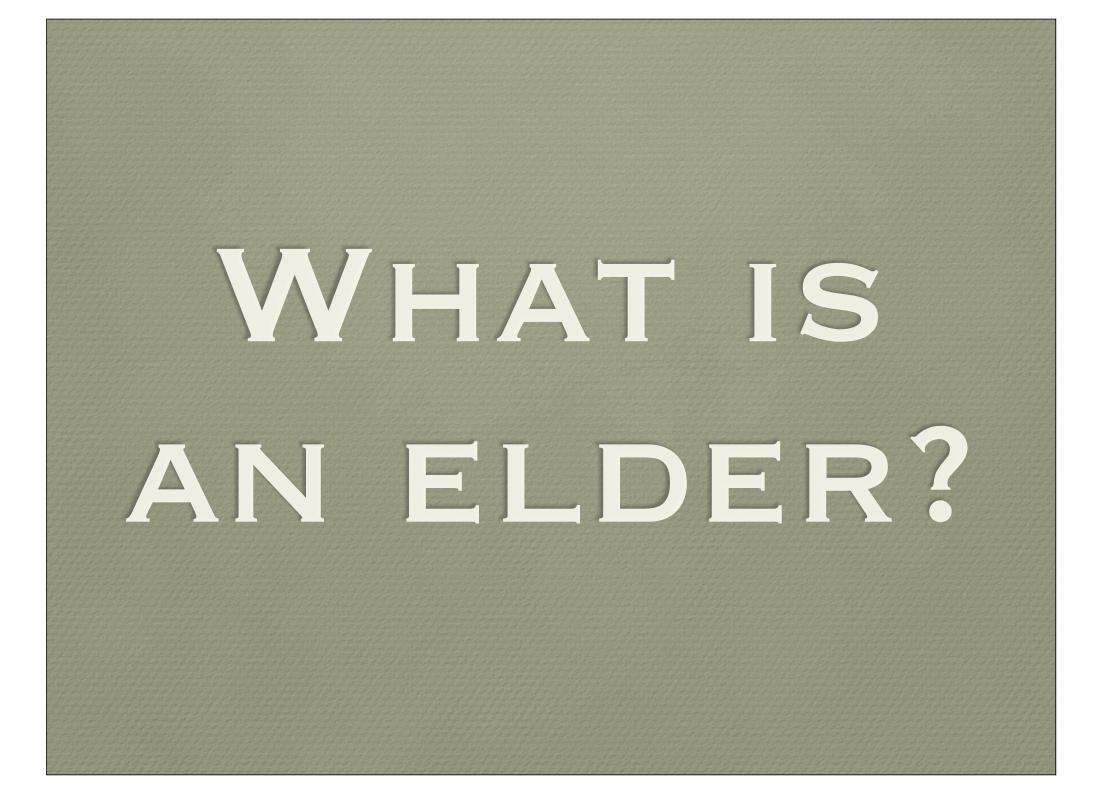








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#### **OT BACKGROUND**

#### God's plan for shepherding

•Exodus 18.13ff, (Deut 1.9ff)



# Ps 78.70-72 1 Sam 17.36

#### **1ST CENTURY CULTURE**

•Jewish culture

•Roman culture

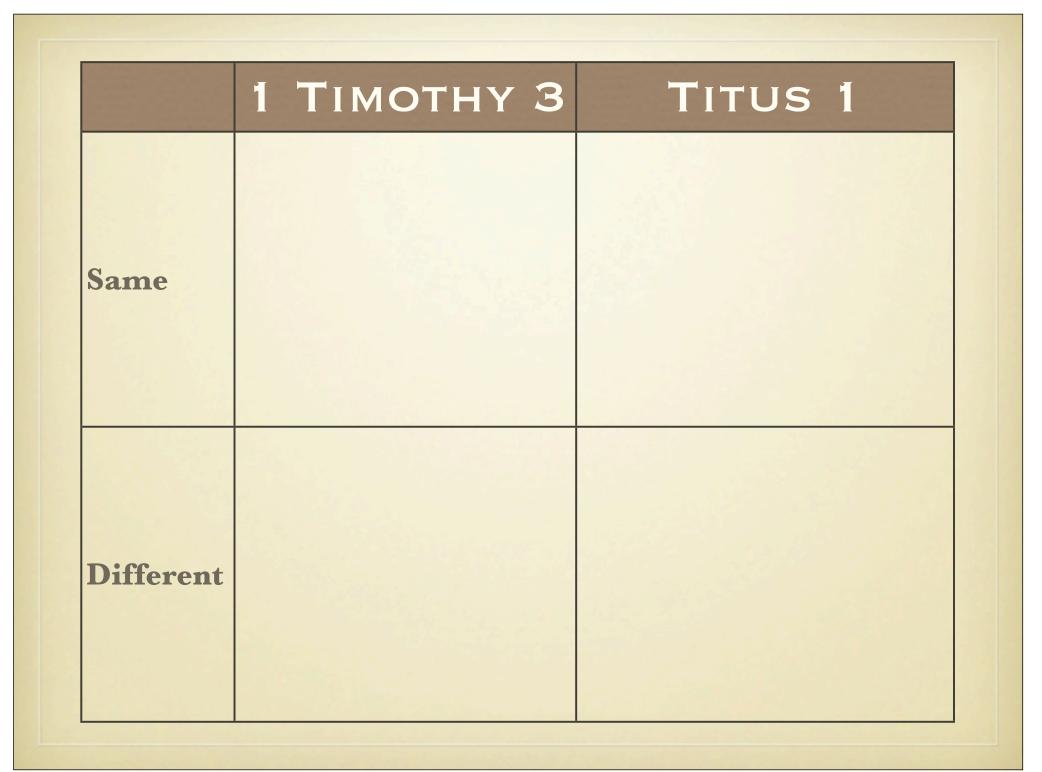
•Households

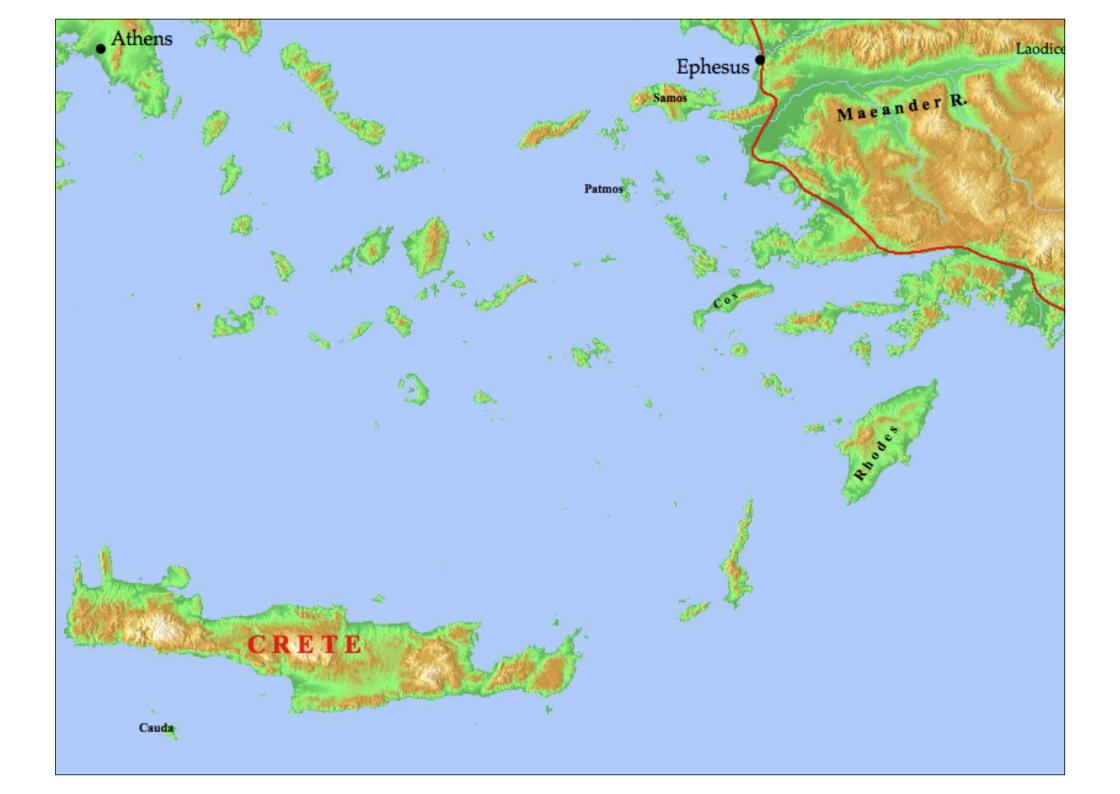
•Patrons

#### **TWO WORDS**

## •Elder

• Overseer





#### BLAMELESS: ἀνέγκλητος

### Not perfect

## Beyond reproach

#### MARRIAGE & FAMILY

One-woman man
Children having faith
Children's respect
Family management

#### CHARACTER & MINISTRY 1

•Overbearing • Function •Quicktempered Drunkenness •Violent

• Dishonest gain •Hospitable •Loving the good •Self-controlled

#### CHARACTER & MINISTRY 2

•Temperate •Upright •Holy Disciplined •Hold to message

Reputation
Able teacher
Confidence
Example

# WHAT DOES

## AN ELDER

DO?

#### NT EXAMPLE

•Act 11 - first mention of elders •Acts 13 - healthy church without elders •Acts 14 - first mention of appointing elders •Acts 15 - unity and teamwork •Act 20 - responsibilities and warnings

#### HELPING MEMBERS

Acts 20
James 5

•1 Peter 5

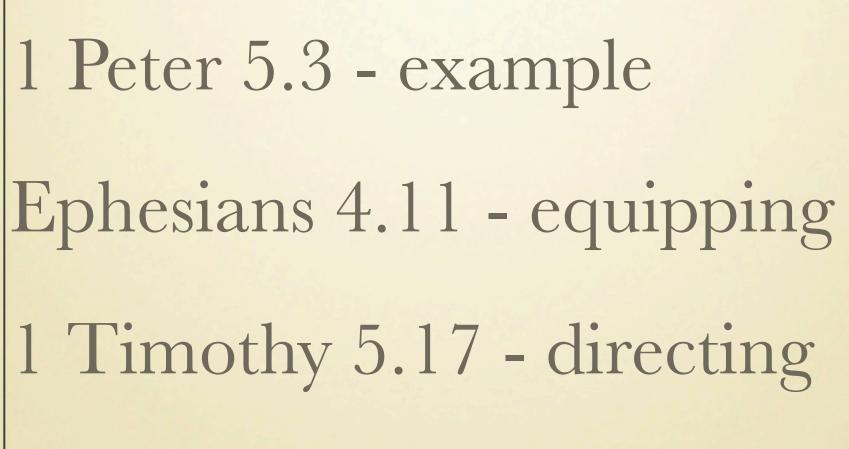
#### HELPING THE LOST

Love God - Love who God lovesLuke 15.4-7

"I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent."







# AN ELDER'S

## VISION

#### AN ELDERS' VISION

## Answering questions

# AN ELDERS' VISION •Peter & John •1 & 2 Peter •1, 2 & 3 John

#### **OUR PART**

•Gratitude •Learn •Support • Prayer

#### FUTURE LONDON LEADERSHIP

•Elders & Evangelists group replace the London leadership team & Advisory group

•Elders meet every other month

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#### WHAT NEXT?

#### Announcement of names tomorrow

•Pray

•Respond: <u>eldersfb@icoc.org.uk</u>

•Deadline: 2nd September

#### FEEDBACK

•"I commend brother X as an elder because ....."

•"I am not sure brother X is suited to be an elder because ......"

•"I have a question I would like resolved about brother X ......"

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