

# ELDERS

FROM JERUSALEM TO LONDON

# SCHEDULE

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



















“THE REASON I LEFT YOU  
IN CRETE WAS THAT YOU  
MIGHT PUT IN ORDER  
WHAT WAS LEFT  
UNFINISHED AND APPOINT  
ELDERS IN EVERY TOWN,  
AS I DIRECTED YOU.”

TITUS 1.5



WHAT IS  
AN ELDER?



# 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



	1 TIMOTHY 3	TITUS 1
Same		
Different		







# BLAMELESS: ἀνέγκλητος

- Not perfect
- Beyond reproach



# MARRIAGE & FAMILY

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



# CHARACTER & MINISTRY 1

- Overbearing
- Function
- Quick-tempered
- 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 loves
- Luke 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.”





# LEADERSHIP

1 Peter 5.3 - example

Ephesians 4.11 - equipping

1 Timothy 5.17 - directing

# 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: [eldersfb@icoc.org.uk](mailto:eldersfb@icoc.org.uk)
- 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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