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

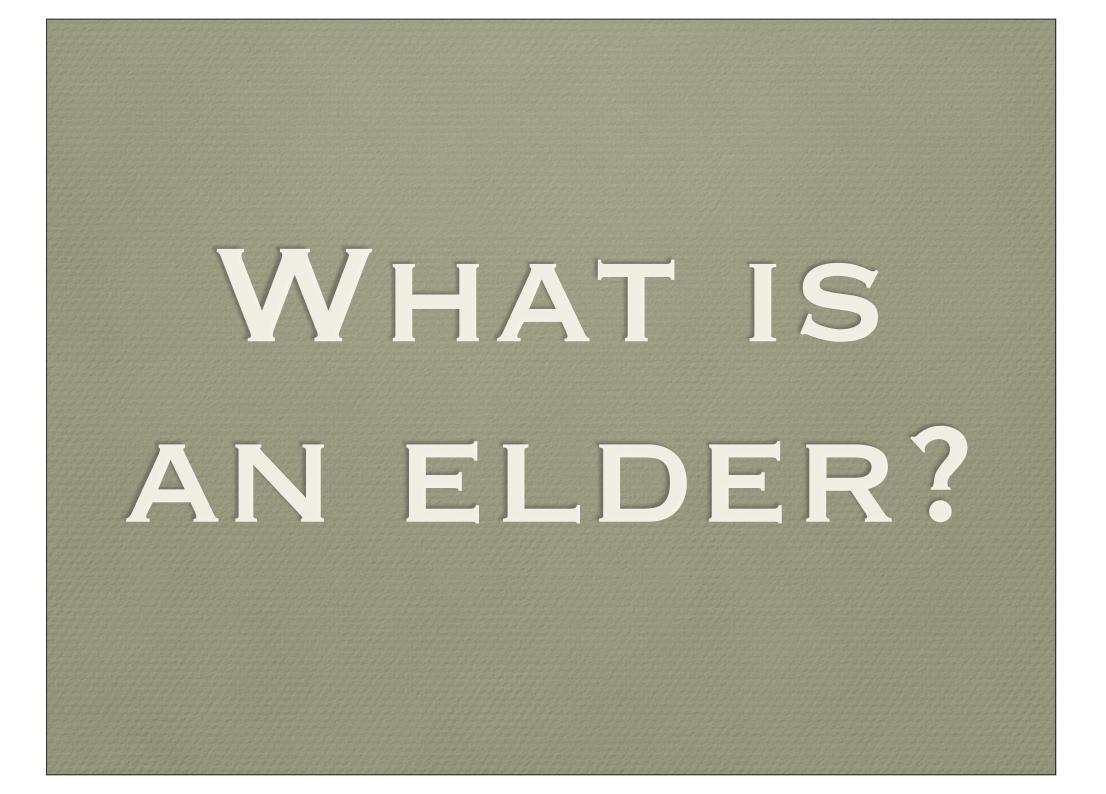








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OT BACKGROUND

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

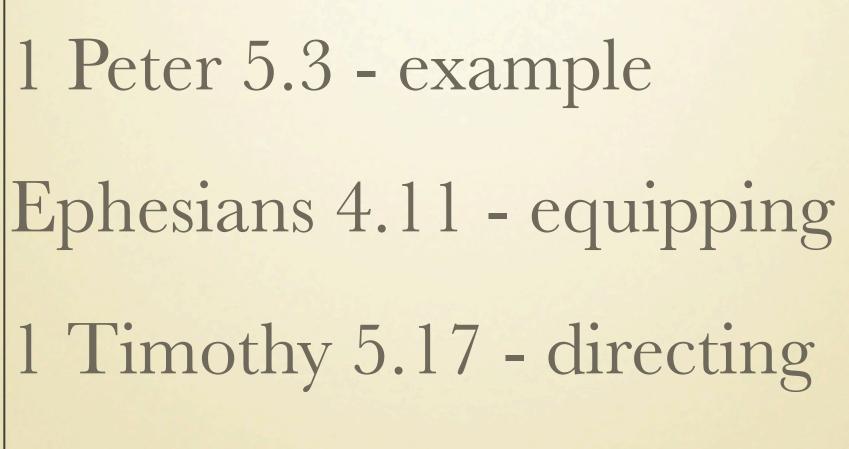
HELPING THE LOST

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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