

# Appointing Elders

## Shepherding the Church

### Assignment:

- Discuss your application from the last module
- Do the Bible study in a group of 2 or more people and discuss your insights.
- Participate in the elder appointment process, Appointing, Being Appointed, or Affirming the Appointment.
- Discuss your findings with someone outside your group
- Share the gospel with someone

Study the following passages and develop your own checklist for appointing elders.

- Act 6.6, 13.3,14.21-23, 20.17-38
- 1 Cor 12:28
- Eph 4:11
- 1 Timothy 3.1-7, 4.14, 5.22
- Titus 1.5-9
- Heb 13.7,17
- 1 Pet 5.1-4

**Head:** What was the main thing you learned from this study?

**Heart:** How did it impact you?

**Hands:** Take time to pray and ask Jesus what you should do as a result of the study? Write your Personal Application down.

Sample Checklist

### Appointing Elders Checklist

- Apostolic or elder leadership determines the need (Act 14.21-23, Titus 1.5)
- Confirm aspirations (1 Tim 3.1, 1 Pet 5.2)
- Confirm appropriate leadership and character traits (1 Timothy 3.1-7 or Titus 1.5-9)
- Church affirmation (Heb 13.7, 17)
- Pray and Fast (Act 14.23)

- Public appointment of elders (Acts 6.6, 13.3, 20:28; 1 Cor 12:28; Eph 4:11, 1 Tim 4.14, 5.22)
- Stay connected to elders and church for instruction and accountability (1 Pet 5.1-4, Act sw20.17-38)

## Sample Appointment Charge

### Prayer

Read 1 Tim. 3:1

*The saying is trustworthy: If anyone aspires to the office of overseer, he desires a noble task.*

David, do you aspire to be an elder of this church?

Read the rest of 1 Tim. 3:2

*Therefore an overseer must be above reproach, the husband of one wife, sober-minded, self-controlled, respectable, hospitable, able to teach, not a drunkard, not violent but gentle, not quarrelsome, not a lover of money. He must manage his own household well, with all dignity keeping his children submissive, for if someone does not know how to manage his own household, how will he care for God's church? He must not be a recent convert, or he may become puffed up with conceit and fall into the condemnation of the devil. Moreover, he must be well thought of by outsiders, so that he may not fall into disgrace, into a snare of the devil.*

Church, do you affirm that David meets the biblical requirements to be an elder?

Lay hands on David and Danielle - Based on the church's affirmation and David's aspiration, David as your friend, mentor, and fellow elder, I appoint you as the elder of this church.

And I charge you as a fellow elder, shepherd the flock of God that is among you, exercising oversight, not under compulsion, but willingly, as God would have you; not for shameful gain, but eagerly; not domineering over those in your charge, but an example to the flock. And when the chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the unfading crown of glory. I also exhort you to pursue a movement in Japan as an apostolic elder training and multiplying disciples, churches, and elders until there's NoPlaceLeft.

### Prayer