

“Follow These Leaders”

(1) Getting Started	(3) Questions?
<p>Review From Last Week</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recite Hebrews 12:1-2 or any other Scriptures you are working on memorizing. <p>Personal Reflection</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> What kind of church leadership structure have you experienced? (i.e. Pastor and deacons; Pastor and board; Elder-lead; Congregational-lead) What were the pros and cons of each? 	<p>Read</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Titus 1:5-9 1 Peter 5:1-5 <p>Discuss</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> If you could describe the type of leader, or elder, the church is supposed to follow, what word would you use? If that were true of those you were asked to follow, would you follow them? Why or why not?
(2) Read Scripture	(4) Application
<p>Read</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hebrews 13:7-19 <p>Discuss</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> This is the only passage in the New Testament that describes elders as “leaders”. While leading is one aspect of eldering, what else are elders called to do? What are the members of the church supposed to do in response? Why do you think this is the way God established His church? What is it supposed to do for us? 	<p>Reflection</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> When it comes to the topic of “who should lead the church”, there are no end of debates. How do you feel about our church’s position to only appoint qualified men to the role of elder? There are many people in our church family who have experienced hurt as the result of someone in church leadership. How might it help to separate your personal experience from what <u>God intended</u> the role to look like? Is there someone God is asking you to forgive for their failure in leadership? How can the group pray for you to do that? <p>Memorize: Hebrews 13:8</p>