

Class Session 4 - Elder Priorities and The Membership Covenant

Absentee Responses

Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. Using the handout, fill in the blank item: The elders are the men God has ordained and qualified to serve as the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of the local church.
2. Using the handout, fill in the blank items: God’s word calls for the elders to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for the members of the church.
3. The common terms/titles are elder, overseer, and pastor/shepherd. These all describe the same office of church leadership in Scripture.

Using the handout, fill in the blank item: What that means is, biblically speaking, an elder is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ a different position or office than an overseer or a pastor. We use these terms interchangeably at Disciples, like Scripture does.

1. Pray Disciples Church elders stay faithful to God and His design and mission for the church.
2. Pray for each elder’s wife (Laurie, Jennifer, and Nikki) as they’re sacrificing a lot and constantly working hard to support their husband and the church.
3. Please see the “Membership Covenant” document. Do you have any questions?