



## Study #6

### Leading and Following

#### Ice Breaker:

1. Are you by nature a leader or follower? Explain your answer.

Watch Video @ [vimeo.com/33932327](https://vimeo.com/33932327)

2. Do you think authority is good or bad? How have your experiences influenced this view?

Watch the video till the 5:34 mark, filling in the blanks, and then answer the following questions:

- We are made to \_\_\_\_\_ under God's authority.
  - The abuse of authority is \_\_\_\_\_ about God in a particularly destructive way.
3. Why would God in his infinite wisdom desire for some in the church to have a place of authority instead of giving it to everyone?

Watch the video till the 13:58 mark, filling in the blanks, and then answer the following questions:

- In the New Testament, when "pastor" or "elder" is mentioned it's always \_\_\_\_\_.
  - The biblical qualifications for pastors or elders are the same qualities that should be found in every believer with two exceptions:  
Not a recent \_\_\_\_\_.  
The ability to \_\_\_\_\_.
  - The naming of an elder is really only the \_\_\_\_\_ of what the congregation already knows to be true.
4. List some reasons why it is helpful for a church to have multiple elders. How have you seen it be beneficial as a follower?
  5. What kind of men should serve as elders? Why are some of these qualities vital to ministry in the church?

6. What should the job description be for elders?
7. How does a church determine whether or not the elders are productive and effective in their roles?

Watch the video till the 25:19 mark, filling in the blanks, and then answer the following questions:

- The New Testament difference between an elder and deacon is the ability to \_\_\_\_\_.
  - The church members should submit to authority in such a way that it makes the work of an elder a \_\_\_\_\_.
  - On earth, the congregation is the final \_\_\_\_\_.
  - If the elders are the steering wheel, the congregation is the emergency \_\_\_\_\_.
8. Why should hospitality be an active gift that is used by the leaders of the church?
  9. How can members make their elders' jobs a burden and not a joy?
  10. What are some practical examples of respecting and esteeming church leaders? How well do we do that?
  11. How do the congregation and the elders communicate their needs to one another?

**Looking back at these marks of a healthy church,  
answer the following questions:**

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12. What marks does Village seem to be doing well in and what areas might there need to be some improvement?
13. How does a church maintain its health? What part can you play in maintaining a church's health?
14. What impacted you about this study on the church? How does this new insight impact you personally?