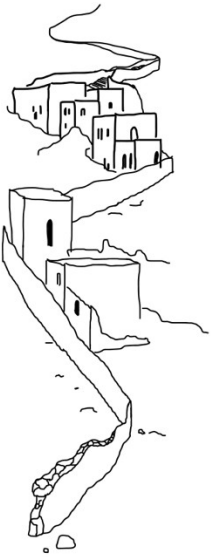




1. From today's passage, what are some of the important roles elders have in a church? (28-31, 35-36) What are some of the other roles Paul talks about himself having, that also apply to elders today? (18-21, 24, 27)
2. Do you consider serving as an elder an essential job? Why or why not? How might this job be essential to you personally, even if you are not an elder? In light of that, how should you interact with your church elders?
3. How does the job of an elder fit into fulfilling the Great Commission (24, Matthew 28:18-20)?
4. What are some dangers Paul exhorts the Ephesian elders to be on guard for (28-30)? What two sources does he say these dangers will come from? Does either of these surprise you?
5. What characteristics would you need to see in a leader to be able to trust what that person says?
6. What leader/elder has positively affected you? What did this person do that was helpful?
7. To have a changed life, you need to be willing to listen, believe, and then act on the elders' shepherding of you. Can you share a time when you have followed those three steps with the advice an elder has given you? If not, what step do you tend to get hung up on, and what can you do to move through that step?
8. Many of the principles Paul discusses apply not just to elders, but to anyone in a leadership role. In what areas of life are you a leader? Do any of your answers so far change how you should lead in that area?
9. Look at the following values and actions Paul exemplified. Are these part of your leadership in the areas of life you are responsible for? Pick one and talk about how that would change your leadership style.
  - Being there the whole time (what does it mean to be "all here"? ) (18)
  - Serving with humility (19)
  - Tears and trials (19)
  - Boldly declaring what is profitable and standing on it publicly (20)
  - Testifying (witnessing) about the need for repentance to God and faith in our Lord Jesus Christ (21)
  - Confidently facing hardship (22-23)
  - Having a course and ministry which you are committed to finish (24)
  - Boldly declaring the whole purpose of God (27)
  - Guarding those in your care (28)
  - Paying the price (33- 35)



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No Leader Notes were prepared for this week's passage.