



SURRENDERING TO GOD'S WAY WITH CHURCH LEADERSHIP

I. Church leadership submits to God in the way they shepherd the church.

So I exhort the elders among you, as a fellow elder and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, as well as a partaker in the glory that is going to be revealed: 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 being examples to the flock. And when the chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the unfading crown of glory. vv. 1-4

II. Christians humbly submit to church leadership as overseers of our souls.

Likewise, you who are younger, be subject to the elders. Clothe yourselves, all of you, with humility toward one another, for "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble." v. 5

Elder and Deacon Candidates

Scan this QR code to see our full list of Elder and Deacon nominations. This list has been unanimously approved by our Board of Elders, and there you'll also find the constitutional requirements for these leadership positions. If you are a constitutional member of Christ Chapel, you'll receive a voting link on Wednesday, Aug. 26 to cast your vote by Noon on Sunday, Aug. 30. Election results will be announced at our annual meeting that same day at 1 p.m. at the Fort Worth Campus.



HOME GROUP

Lesson + Devotional

Before you begin, ask the Holy Spirit to teach you and guide your study.

1. Read 1 Peter 5:1-5. Most people have known a situation when a church has hurt people, either because leaders weren't humble and gentle, or because followers weren't humble and responsibly submissive, or both. Briefly share any fears or bad experiences you've had as a leader or a follower.
2. Should followers do what they are told no matter what? Why or why not?
3. How should a church deal with leaders who are abusing their power? What about followers who won't submit?
4. How would you define humility? Study these references and state what you learn about this trait.
Luke 6:41-42; 17:7-10; 18:10-14
John 13:3-16
Romans 12: 3, 16
James 4:1-6
5. How do you think members of the church can make it easier for leaders to do their jobs? Give some practical suggestions, especially in light of major events that threatened to divide the church over the last few years.
6. What advice would Peter give today's leaders?
7. How can you support your pastor in specific, practical ways?
8. Using the sermon and panel discussion for a guide, look for ways to practice either humble leadership or humble submission in the next two weeks.

HELPFUL

Quotes

Peter had already admonished the saints to be submissive to government authorities (1 Pet 2:13-17), the slaves to submit to their masters (1 Pet 2:18-25), and the wives to their husbands (1 Pet 3:1-7). Now he commanded all of the believers to submit to God and to each other. The younger believers should submit to the older believers, not only out of respect for their age, but also out of respect for their spiritual maturity. ... There have always been good and bad leaders in our world. History reports stories of both kinds—from the worst possible kind to the best. In today's world, leaders still take on all shapes and sizes. Some quietly go about their work in the local church while others build huge platforms from which they teach their wisdom through books, seminars and even television shows. The motivation for leaders varies as much as they do. Some lead because they are gifted with leadership and called to use that gift. Others decide they want to be leaders in order to gain influence and wealth. - Warren Wiersbe

YOUR NEXT STEP AT Christ Chapel



Connect and Belong

New or returning, fill out a Connect Card and experience life together at Christ Chapel.

Together in Prayer

We want to pray with and for you this week as we go to God together.



Partner with Us by Giving

Be a part of what God is doing near and far by giving to local and global ministry partners.

Upcoming Events

Join in to grow your faith, make disciples, and reach those who do not know or walk with Jesus.



A WONDERFUL Offer

Being a Christian isn't based on membership in a local church or keeping a set of rules. It involves a personal relationship with Jesus Christ and an understanding of who He is and what He has done to provide man with a way to experience God's love for us. Here's how to know Jesus Christ as your personal Savior:

1. Admit that you're a sinner, separated from a holy and perfect God.
(Romans 3:23; Isaiah 53:6)
2. Understand that the penalty for your sin is death – eternal separation from God and all that is good.
(Romans 6:23; Hebrews 9:27)
3. Believe that Jesus Christ took the penalty for your sin by dying in your place and conquered death by rising from the dead.
(Romans 5:8; 2 Corinthians 5:21)
4. Receive the free gift of salvation by trusting in Christ alone as your Savior from sin and death and your provider of true and eternal life.
(Romans 4:4-5; Ephesians 2:8-9)

You can use this prayer to express your decision to God:

Dear God, I know that I am a sinner. I believe that Jesus Christ died on the cross for me and rose from the dead. I trust in him alone as the only way to be reconciled to you. Thank you for the forgiveness of sins and the eternal life I now have. Amen.



We'd love to know about your decision. Scan the QR code to learn more about following Jesus!