

Mid Term Discipleship Command M: Submit to Elders

Look Back:

1-4 Focus the entire look back portion of your time as a church on one person or couple by doing an [Iron on Iron](#) session with them.

Look Up:

5. New Lesson.

- Study Titus 1.5-9, 1 Tim 3.1-7.
 - Make two lists of the qualifications for elders from each passage: character and skill. What seems to be most important?
- Read 1 Pet 5.1-4 and Heb 13.7.
 - What expectations should you have of your elders?
- Read 1 Pet 5.5-7 and Heb 13.17.
 - What expectations should your elders have of you?
 - What are the advantages of being in submission to an elder?
 - What do you forfeit if you are not in submission to an elder?

Look Ahead:

6. Practice.

- Discuss as a church who is the most qualified elder to lead your church. Often this is the person that started the church. Churches normally have 1-3 elders with one elder responsible for leading the church each week.
- Appoint and pray for the agreed upon elder in your church. The elders must commit to take care of the disciples in the church and set the example. The disciples must commit to submit to their elders.

7. Goal Setting and Prayer. Pray and ask the Holy Spirit how to respond.

- Following:
 - Commit as a church to submit to your elders. Elders commit to shepherding the disciples well.
- Fishing:
 - How does God want you to share and equip others to share the gospel this week?