

Valley Bible Church – Sermon Study Questions

Study Aid for the Sermon from March 10-11, 2001

The Epistle of Joy

Part 3

Observing the text

What are the various terms used to refer to church leaders in Acts 20:17-35?

What are the qualifications for church leaders (1 Timothy 3:1-7)?

How are they selected (Titus 1:5)?

How should the church relate to their leaders (Hebrews 13:17)?

Applying the sermon

After reading Acts 20:28-30 what is one the primary challenges that elders face?

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How is the church of Jesus Christ presently being threatened in the way described in Acts 20:28-30? Try and be specific.

How should members of our church who hold different doctrinal views from our elders conduct themselves in light of Hebrews 13:17?

What should you do if someone in conversation with you speaks badly of our church leadership?

In what ways can you support the elders of the church?

Would you ever consider becoming an elder? Why or why not?