

COURSE OF STUDY AND PREPARATION FOR ELDERSHIP¹

1. It is best that an elder has done some kind of teaching and/or discipling before being considered as an elder, such as: Preaching, teaching Sunday School, leading a Bible study or Bible Fellowship, participating in an Ironman Team and/or counseling.²
2. An elder should complete both the Leadership Assessment tool and the elder questionnaire.
3. An elder should read through the entire Bible at least once.
4. An elder should read through and discuss with another elder *Biblical Eldership* (by Alexander Strauch).³
5. An elder should go through training for Bible Fellowship leaders so they at least understand how this crucial ministry within our congregation functions.
6. An elder should read through *What Is A Healthy Church?* by Mark Dever and discuss this with another elder.
7. An elder should read through *Church Membership* and *Church Discipline* by Jonathan Leeman and discuss this with another elder.
8. An elder should work through the MEFC Playbook (and preferably take someone else through it).
9. An elder should go through the study on *The Peacemaker* by Ken Sande or should read this book.
10. An elder should sit in on at least three elder meetings before being considered as an elder.

¹ This process should be completed before becoming an elder.

² Anyone considered for eldership should already be involved in those things that elders do. An elder should also be part of a Bible Fellowship and an Ironman team.

³ This, along with #6-7, will also be covered in a class on eldership we will offer. These books can be covered in that manner also.