

# Biblical Eldership Proposal Worksheet

For each of the following, study the relevant Scripture passages and itemize all of the sub-topics that need to be addressed.

1. An overall statement summarizing Biblical Eldership.

2. Structure: The biblical structure of government, that is, the lines of authority and responsibilities.

3. Function: The broad scriptural functions of elders and how that would look within a job description.

4. Qualifications: The scriptural qualifications for elders (working out the interpretative/applicative issues of “husband of one wife,” “having children under control,” “having children who believe,” “apt to teach,” etc.).

5. Decisions: The decision making processes relative to elders, deacons and the congregation.

6. Congregational Response: Biblical perspective on the congregation’s response to the elders.

7. Constitution: Changes required to the church's constitution in order to accommodate BE.

8. Identifying Elders: The process for identifying/selecting elders.

9. Sustainability: Preventing burnout, elder sabbatical, new elders, etc.

10. Other issues: