

Biblical Eldership Resources - Implementation

Motivation Worksheet - Congregation Member

As you work through the following questions, ask the Lord to reveal the “*thoughts and intentions of the heart*” (Heb. 4:12).

1) Do you have a conviction about Biblical principles of eldership and church government?

What *events* have contributed to my conviction about BE?

What *resources and personal study efforts* have contributed to my conviction about BE?

2) Do you have a genuine love for the church (“which he purchased by his own blood” Acts 20:28) that is motivating this desire?

Describe my love for the believers at my church. What does that mean to me?

What do I think will be the tangible benefits of BE to the church? Describe them.

3) Describe the history of leadership at your church.

What leadership structure did the church begin with?

What changes have taken place over the years? Why? What were the results?

How did the congregation handle leadership changes in the past?

Outline a brief history of the pastors and/or key leaders who have served the congregation in the past and describe the impact of their ministry and direction of the church.

4) Does your current leadership structure involve a pastor-led model?

How is that going? Is there a sense of mission and confidence in the pastor/pastoral staff?

How long has/had the pastor been with the church?

How would you describe the relationship of the present/previous pastor to the rest of the leadership of the church? To the congregation?

5) Is the church in between pastors?

What were the circumstances that contributed to his departure?

Was there dissatisfaction in the last pastor's shepherding/leadership of the church?

What efforts were made to resolve issues with the previous pastor?

What efforts have been made to find a new pastor?

6) On scale of 1 to 10, indicate where you are in your experience right now:

<i>Fulfilled</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>Frustrated</i>
<i>Energized</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>Tired</i>
<i>Encouraged</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>Beat down</i>
<i>Visionary</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>Hemmed in</i>
<i>Focused</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>Conflicted</i>
<i>Balanced</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>Overworked</i>
<i>Lifted up</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>Weighed down</i>
<i>Secure</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>Threatened</i>
<i>Joyful</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>Despondent</i>
<i>Hopeful</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>Defeated</i>

7) Are you a key leader in the church?

What is your leadership role in the church?

What is your main reason for desiring biblical eldership for your church?

Are you genuinely convinced of biblical eldership? Describe your view of BE in a few sentences.

How would you describe your current experience as a leader?

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<i>Energized</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>Tired</i>
<i>Encouraged</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>Beat down</i>
<i>Visionary</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>Hemmed in</i>
<i>Focused</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>Conflicted</i>
<i>Balanced</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>Overworked</i>

<i>Lifted up</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>Weighed down</i>
<i>Secure</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>Threatened</i>
<i>Joyful</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>Despondent</i>
<i>Hopeful</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>Defeated</i>

How would you describe the effectiveness of the current /previous pastor in your church?

<i>Visionary</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>In a rut</i>
<i>Caring</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>Distant</i>
<i>Engaged</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>Detached</i>
<i>Focused</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>Aimless</i>
<i>Balanced</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>Overworked</i>
<i>Equipping</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>Possessive</i>
<i>Secure</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>Threatened</i>
<i>Inspiring</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>Deflating</i>
<i>Challenging</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>No-challenging</i>

8) What are the current leadership positions (in addition to Pastor) and who fills them?

Who are the unofficial leaders/influencers/opinion makers?

Are these all familiar with teaching on BE? How far along are they in embracing BE?

9) Is there conflict or tension among the leadership that is hindering the church?

Describe the situation.

How has this been addressed in the past? What have been the results?

What steps are being taken to deal with this conflict?

Do you personally have tensions with any of the leaders?

10) Is there lack of confidence in the leadership?

How would you describe the leadership?

Is this concern widely shared? By whom?

Is there a Diotrephes in the church that is preventing effective leadership (3 John 9)?

What is your relationship to that person?

Are you that person?

NOTE: We encourage you to review your responses with someone close to you (spouse, close friend or fellow leader/pastor) as an objective evaluation of your responses.