

# Study Guide to Alexander Strauch's *Biblical Eldership*

## Chapter 2: Shared Leadership

**Q:** How does Strauch defend the view of shared pastoral leadership in the church? Follow his train of thought. Do you find his position convincing? Please explain.

**A:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Q:** How would you *define* shared leadership in the church?

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**Q:** What are some of the *benefits* of shared leadership?

**A:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Discussion:** Explain how you see each of the following "benefits" working out in real life:

- Balancing people's weaknesses \_\_\_\_\_
- Lightening the work load \_\_\_\_\_
- Providing accountability \_\_\_\_\_

**Q:** What are some of the *hazards* of shared leadership? How should we handle these hazards?

**A:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Q:** What do you make of Strauch's teaching on the principle of a "first among equals"?

**A:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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