

Study Guide to Alexander Strauch's *Biblical Eldership*

Chapter 6: Bible-Based Leadership Structure

Q: Strauch wrote this, "For many people the issue of church government is as irrelevant an issue as the color of the church pews". In the same paragraph he countered this idea with these words, "Church government is an extremely practical and theological issue" (pg. 101). Why is this topic considered to be unimportant by so many? How does church government impact a church's practice and theology?

A: _____

Q: Strauch presents a common objection to the doctrine of plural elder leadership in the local church (pgs. 104-106). Some argue that Moses and James were examples of pastoral leadership by one individual. How would you answer this objection and defend the doctrine of plurality in leadership?

A: _____

Q: In the Bible there are many things that are described, but are not necessarily meant to be imitated. Take into account the passages presented in this chapter. Is the NT model of church government being described or prescribed? Explain your answer.

A: _____

Q: Strauch wrote this, "I am convinced that the elder structure of government best harmonizes with and promotes the true nature of the local church as revealed in the New Testament" (pg. 109). What is the nature of a local church and how does plural leadership promote it?

A: _____

