

Study Guide to Alexander Strauch's *Biblical Eldership*

Chapter 8: Paul's Letters to the Churches

Read: 1 Thessalonians 5:12-13

Q: What does this passage require of the congregation in their relationship to church leadership? What will it look like in the life of the church?

A: _____

Q: What does this passage assume about leadership? What things ought to characterize leaders according to these verses?

A: _____

Q: Strauch unpacks the meaning of the words “instruction” (pg 168-169). How can this be done in an effective way in the church?

A: _____

Q: Why is love such a vital aspect of the relationship between the congregation and the leaders? What difference does it make in the life of the church?

A: _____

Read: Philippians 1:1

Q: Strauch write that, “Paul’s brief mention of overseers and deacons provides a wealth of valuable information for our study on eldership” (pg. 174). How does it inform our doctrine of church government?

A: _____

