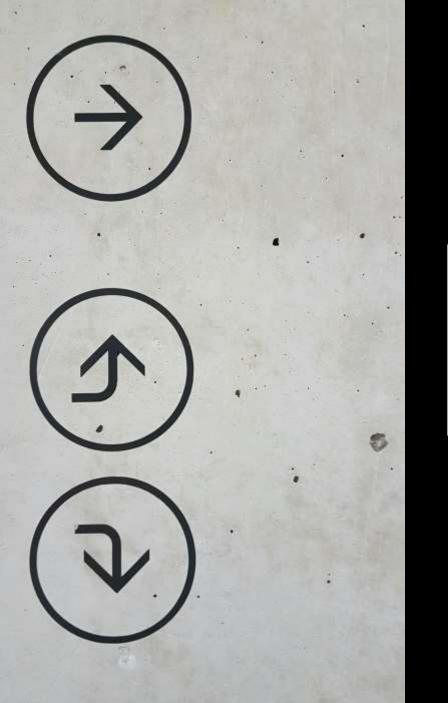
15 Now when they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon, son of John, do you love Me more than these?" He said to Him, "Yes, Lord; You know that I love You." He said to him, "Tend My lambs." 16 He said to him again, a second time, "Simon, son of John, do you love Me?" He said to Him, "Yes, Lord; You know that I love You." He said to him, "Shepherd My sheep." 17 He said to him the third time, "Simon, son of John, do you love Me?" Peter was hurt because He said to him the third time, "Do you love Me?" And he said to Him, "Lord, You know all things; You know that I love You." Jesus said to him, "Tend My sheep."

John 21:15-17 NASB20

Therefore, I urge elders among you, as *your* fellow elder and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, *and* one who is also a fellow partaker of the glory that is to be revealed: ² shepherd the flock of God among you, exercising oversight, not under compulsion but voluntarily, according to *the will of* God; and not with greed but with eagerness; ³ nor yet as domineering over those assigned to your care, but by proving to be examples to the flock. ⁴ And when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the unfading crown of glory.

1 Peter 5:1-4 NASB20



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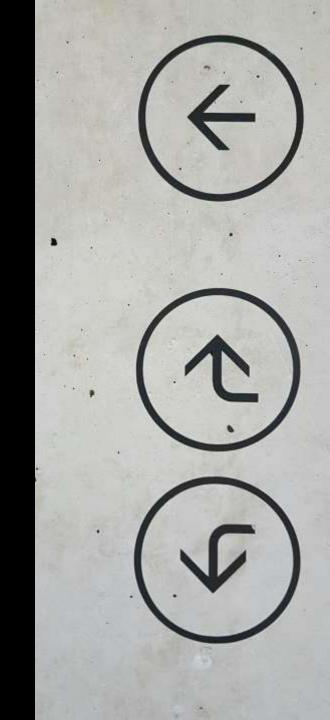
Steering Disciples Forward *Acts 1*

Peter is listed first – v. 13, Luke 6:13-16

Peter led in appointing Judas' replacement –
v. 15-26, v. 8

Elders exercise proactive oversight and direction

- 1 Peter 5:2

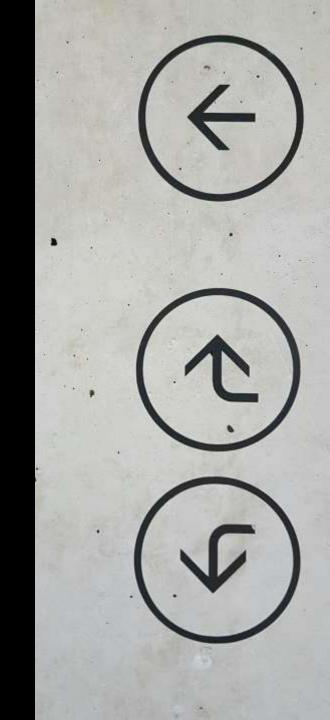


Faithfulness in Trials Acts 4

Peter boldly owned his faith in Jesus – v. 8-12

This example inspired others to do the same –
v. 29-31

Elders help Christians stay strong in hardship –
 1 Peter 4:19-5:10



Purity in the Church Acts 5

Peter rebuked hypocrisy, deceit, and greed –
 v. 1-5

 Elders must be "on guard for themselves and for all the flock" – Acts 20:28

• Elders must know the sheep – John 10:14

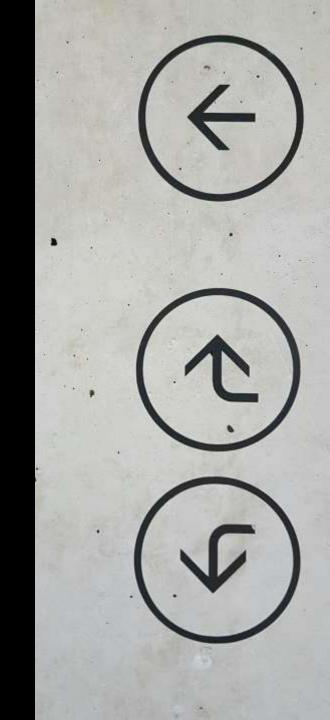


Receiving New Christians Acts 10

• Peter learned all people are welcome – v. 34-35

• Elders must be hospitable – 1 Timothy 3:2, Titus 1:8

 Especially to the new or weak – Matthew 28:20, Acts 20:35



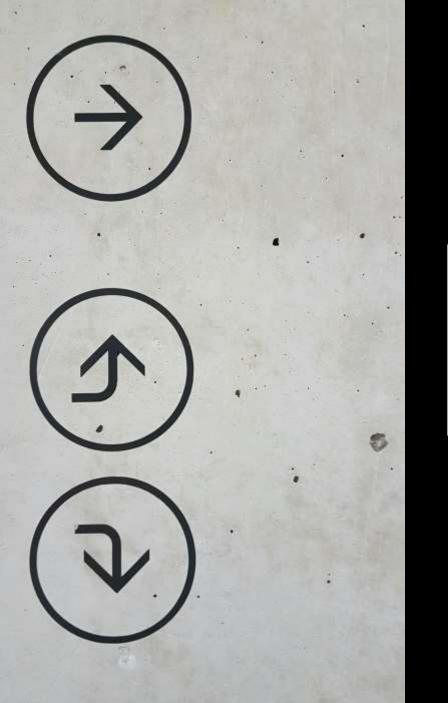
Unity in Truth Acts 15

Peter spoke about what God said and did – v. 6-11

• Elders lead "under God's direction" – 1 Peter 5:2

• The goal: unity and maturity in truth — Ephesians 4:11-13





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