



**Servant Leaders Followers**  
**“Church Elders/Overseers”**  
 Craig Crandall

**Recapping Last Week’s Message**

- Shepherding leaders are first and foremost servant followers
- YHWH warns and holds His shepherds to account, that they tend well to YHWH’s sheep.

**Our Commission:** God has commissioned his church to make disciples not simply converts. And they must be taught to obey everything He has commanded. He is with us as we carry out this mission. (Today’s “Reading” from Matthew 28:16-20)

**Elders are required:** God requires and appoints Elders to follow Him, and to shepherd and oversee His local churches and flocks in the carrying out of that commission for the church. (Acts 15, Acts 14:23, 1 Peter 5, Titus 1:5-9, 1 Timothy 3:1-7).

**Elders emerge from prior testing. But what tests?:** God has provided life testing as a proving ground to qualify those his Spirit will appoint as elders. Their character is not wishful or aspiring. There is to be no guesswork. (Titus 1:5-9, 1 Timothy 3:1-7)

**So, what ARE their responsibilities?** (1 Peter 5:1-4, Acts 20:28-31)

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| Keeping watch over us     | Knowing the sheep                                       |
| Feeding the sheep         | Leading the sheep                                       |
| Protecting the sheep      | Eagerly & humbly serving                                |
| Holy Spirit guided        | Being examples  |
| Sharing in responsibility | Accounting to God for the spiritual health of His flock |

**The vision God pictures for us as we fulfill His commission** (Eph 4:8-16)

**NEXT WEEK - March 2, 2025**  
**Servant Leaders Followers**  
**“Royal Priests”**  
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**GUESTS:** We are so happy you chose to worship with us today! If you are a first-time visitor, stop by the welcome table in the lower lobby for a free gift!

**UPCOMING EVENTS**



**PARENTS’ NIGHT OUT**

**Friday, March 7 | 6-9pm | Children’s Center**

Parents and guardians, take advantage of this night for yourself! We will take care of your kids, infants through 5th grade. Children will be divided into four age groups. Please indicate how many children in each category on the sign up sheet in the lobby.



**A PLACE AT THE TABLE**

**Saturday, March 15 | 9am-12pm | Fellowship Hall**

All women encouraged to attend. This event will give you tools for your own growth as well as some for helping others grow and move forward. Cost is \$2. For ages high school and up. Free childcare with advance notice. Register in the lobby. Contact Danita Hunter with questions.



**WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY**

**Thursdays, 3/20-4/17, 1-3pm & 6-8pm | CC104**

A five-week study on Max Lucado’s “Help is Here - Finding Strength and Purpose in the Power of the Holy Spirit.” The afternoon study is led by Danita Hunter; evening study led by Jane Merhar. Both studies meet in the Conference Room.



**PICKLEBALL**

**Saturday, March 22 | 11am-1pm**

Let’s get together and have some fun! Ages 12 and up invited to play pickleball at East County Pickleball Courts in Troutdale. Limited space, so sign up now in the lobby. Non-refundable \$5 reserves your spot. Contact Craig Crandall with questions.



**FRESH FOOD MARKET**

**Thursday, March 27 | 9-10:30am | Parking Lot**

Fresh food for the community, drive-through style. The program has been on a three-month break and is again ready to serve our neighbors!

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