Study QUESTIONS

Ep. 1140: Does My Church Leadership Have It Right?

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See: CQ.Rewind SHOW NOTES

1. What role did the Apostle Peter play in the early Christian church? What does his name indicate? Who is the true leader of Christianity? How do we know this from Matthew 16?
   (See Matthew 16:15-18, Ephesians 2:20-22, 1 Peter 5:1)

2. Should there be a hierarchy in our church leadership *today*? What example does Peter set for all the apostles and for Christian leaders today? What are the three admonitions for elders in 1 Peter 5:1-4?

3. Describe the roles elders, bishops/overseers and shepherd/pastors play in Christian leadership. (See 1 Timothy 5:17, Acts 20:28, Philippians 1:1, 1 Timothy 3:1)

4. Why are so many different words used to describe the same person? (See Acts 20:28, Ephesians 4:11) What does this teach us about the responsibilities of the leadership in our churches?

5. What is the definition of the word translated "ordained" in Acts 14:21-23? How is this word properly used in the Scriptures? (Matthew 5:15, Luke 20:43, Hebrews 1:2)

6. What can we learn about how early Christianity chose its leaders? (See 2 Corinthians 8:16-19) Where were these men taught? Was there a seminary or school for them? What does this tell us about the level of knowledge of Jesus' teaching in the congregation?

7. Where does the responsibility of these decisions on leadership fall? How does the simplicity of the early Christian leadership structure protect it from the problems that plagued religious and secular history? (See John 13:12-14) When power is put into the hands of a single individual or a small group of leaders, what inevitably happens?

8. What are the requirements for Christian elders? (See Acts 20:28-30, 2 Timothy 2:14-16, 4:1-4, Titus 1:5-9)

9. Are you meeting *your* responsibility in your congregation by studying and seeking to understand Jesus' teachings? Are you comfortable with your Christian leaders? Do they uphold the requirements set down in the Scriptures?

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