

Eldership Funeral
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Introduction:

- A. Jesus taught everything in parables. Mark 4:33, 34
- B. Everything Paul knew was Jesus and His crucifixion. 1 Corinthians 2:2; 1 Corinthians 15:1-4
- C. Jesus prepared His disciples for His death. Matthew 16:21-26
 - 1. He told them.
 - 2. They resisted.
 - 3. He told them they would have to follow His example.
- D. It is good to go to house of mourning. Ecclesiastes 7:1-10
- E. A question many have asked. Job 14:1-14
- F. Jesus' assurance. John 14:1-3
- G. Jesus is the resurrection. John 11:17-27

- 1. What good things do you have to say?
- 2. What will you miss?
- 3. What are you losing?
- 4. How will you deal with your loss?
- 5. How did you learn to work as a team?
- 6. What fears did you have
 - a. Of the congregation?
 - b. Of God?
 - c. Of each other?
- 7. How long did it take you to "grow up," feel like "real" elders?
- 8. What do you need to do to say good-bye to this relationship?
- 9. What unfinished business do you have?
- 10. What good things do you have to say about the departed?
- 11. How will you help the new elders get integrated?
- 12. How long will you give them to get on the team?

13. How will you deal with your jealousy or others' jealousy if you become aware of it?
14. How do you feel about starting over?
 - a. Working out rules?
 - b. Building a good relationship?
 - c. Feeling like a "real" elder?
15. Will you be intimidated by the new elders?
16. Will you give them permission to be intimidated by you and your experience?
17. What hopes and dreams do you have?
18. How will you communicate those
 - a. To each other?
 - b. To the new elders?
 - c. To the congregation?
19. Five tasks of dying:
 - a. "Forgive me."
 - b. "I forgive you."
 - c. "I love you."
 - d. "Thank you."
 - e. "Good-bye."

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