**LACC Elders Training Course**

Schedule and Topics

Book: Elders: A practical guide to New Testament Leadership: Louisville Sports News, Jack Coffee

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| **Week 1**  **Lesson 1: Why Aspire to be an elder?**  A. Reason why not to be an elder  B. Reason for being an elder  **Lesson 2: What is an elder?**  **Read Chapters 1, 2, 3**  A. The Biblical definition of an elder  1. Elder  2. Shepherd Overseer  B. Biblical requirements to be an elder  1. Timothy, Titus passages  2. Spiritual Aspects  3. Personal Aspects | **Week 3**  **Lesson 5: Elder / Congregation Relationship**  **Read Chapters 10, 11, 14**  A. Elder & Members  1. Set the example  2. Look after the sheep  3. Encourage, Mentor future leaders  B. Church discipline  1. Biblical model  2. Open sin in the church  C. Dealing with hot/hard topics  1. Homosexuality  2. Marriage / divorce issues  3. Political issues  **Lesson 6: Elder / Staff Relationships**  **Read Chapters 11, 12**  A. Elder / Preacher Relationship  1. Not employee / employer  2. Preacher, An Elder or Not?  B. Elders & Supporting Ministry Staff  1. Overseeing ministries  a. Paid staff  b. volunteers  **FAQ / Wrap up**  **Read the FAQ at the back of the book**  A. Discuss FAQ’s in the book  B. Discuss any class questions  C. Ordination of elders  D. Final thoughts / challenge |
| **Week 2**  **Lesson 3: What is an elder at LACC**  **Read Chapters 5,8,9**  A. Our church structure  1. Staff, Eldership & Ministry Leaders  B. Preacher/ Eldership relationship  C. Chairman of the Elders  D. LACC Elder qualification / requirements  1. LACC By-Laws  2. LACC Nomination / elections  **Lesson 4: LACC Mission**  **Read Chapters 4,6,7**  A. The main thing  B. LACC Vision Statement  C. LACC Mission Statements  1. Reach  2. Revive  3. Release  D. LACC Core Values  1. Authority of Scripture  2. Kingdom minded  3. Authentic living  4. Attitude of Worship  5. Relevant and engaging  E. Resourcing LACC Mission |