

## Leadership structures....

1. Christ should be the head of the church. We need no earthly leader.
2. One presiding elder. All decisions are made democratically.
3. One presiding elder. All decisions are made unanimously/by consensus.
4. One presiding elder. Elder has authority but must be sensitive to the voice of the church.
5. One presiding elder. Elder has authority but consults with congregation and elders of other congregations.
6. Leadership team with life-long lead elder position.
7. Leadership team with a rotating lead elder position.
8. Elder exercises his authority in rare situations when the leadership team is not united.
9. Elder exercises his authority regularly and directs the leadership team.
10. Elder exercises his authority regularly as he directs the congregation
11. Leadership team with bishops, ministers, and deacons.
12. Leadership team with elders and deacons.
13. Deacons are not expected to preach and elders are not expected to get involved in financial matters. Deacons serve tables and elders give themselves to ministry of the word and to prayer.
14. The Elder's main goal is to shepherd and equip the saints - not preside over every meeting, keep track of everything that is happening in the congregation, etc.
15. Deaconesses are appointed to care for the ladies.
16. Leader(s) are not established immediately for a new church plant but are chosen later based on who emerges as leaders in the congregation.
17. Leader(s) are appointed before the church plant is launched.
18. Leaders are chosen by lot.
19. Leaders are chosen by voice of the church.
20. Leaders are appointed/apprenticed by the leaders of the church in consultation with the congregation.
21. Some combination of the above.