Pass Questions

Elders Who Rule Well

P - Participation (get everyone involved in the dialog)

1. What is your understanding of the role of an elder? How have you seen the role played out in your previous (or current) church experience?

A - Application (makes it personal)

1. Three questions from the sermon:
	1. Why is an elder who leads well worthy of double honor?
	2. What does employing sound doctrine look like in terms of directing and protecting the church and its individual members?
	3. What does shepherding mean practically for an elder?

S - Scripture (thinking biblically is a learned behavior! :-)

1. What does Biblical eldership look like as it pertains to leadership specifically?
2. Which of the three Greek words for elder resonate most with you and seem to be the most important when considering an elder’s role.
	1. presbuteros (elder, longevity in Christian faith)
	2. episkopos (overseer/leader)
	3. poimen (pastor/shepherd)
3. How and why is Jesus the perfect elder?

S – Sharing (or facilitating a time of honest reflection with authenticity and transparency in a safe atmosphere modeled by the leader).

1. How do you feel about eldership now that you have some more Biblical understanding of the role?
2. In what way is the Holy Spirit speaking to you about elders in your own church? Are you convicted in any particular ways? Are there areas of growth in the church as a whole so that all members aspire to be shepherds and wise employers of sound doctrine?
3. What does the Bible teach about how we should interact with, approach, and support our elders?

\* Other passages to reference in discussion on the topic: 1 Pt 4:1-5, Heb 13:7, 17