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Elder Ordination Service
Acts 20:17-38

Introduction:

- The need for leadership and the biblical mandate for Elders - **v. 17**

Six Exhortation For The Elders At Battleground Community Church

1. Brothers, guard your witness - **vv. 18-19**
 - Within - **1 Timothy 4:16**
 - Without
2. Brothers, we must preach and teach - **vv. 20-22**
 - The passion - **v. 20**
 - The content - **v. 21**
3. Brothers, we must embrace suffering - **vv. 22-27**
 - Perspective - **vv. 22-24**
 - Endurance - **vv. 23, 25-27; 1 Thessalonians 3:3**
4. Brothers, we must protect God's church - **vv. 28-31**
 - The sheep - **John 21:16-17; Ephesians 4:11-13**
 - The wolves - **v. 29; John 10:12**
5. Brothers, we must work hard - **vv. 32-35**
 - In the Word - **v. 32**
 - With our hands - **vv. 33-35**
6. Brothers, we must finish well - **2 Timothy 4:1-8**
 - We must finish well - **vv. 1-5**
 - We will receive a future reward - **vv. 6-8**

Now What? (Small Group Discussion)

- Does our culture respect, despise, or ignore authorities in their lives? Explain your answer.
 - Why is plurality in leadership important?
 - Read **Titus 1:5-16**. Why was it important that the church in Crete have Elders? What was at stake for them if this leadership wasn't doing what God called them to do?
 - How can we support our leaders at BCC?
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