

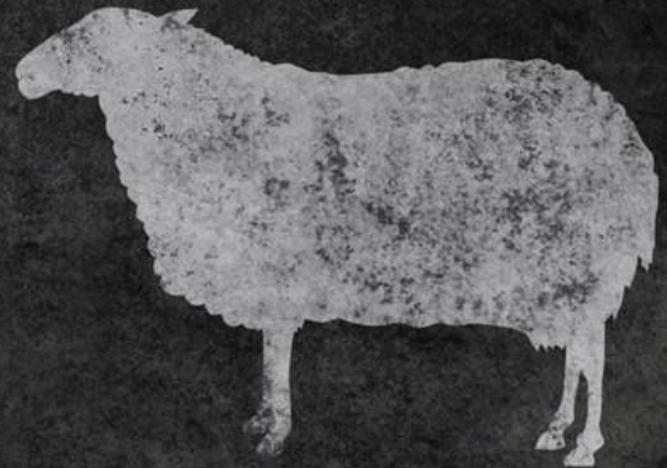
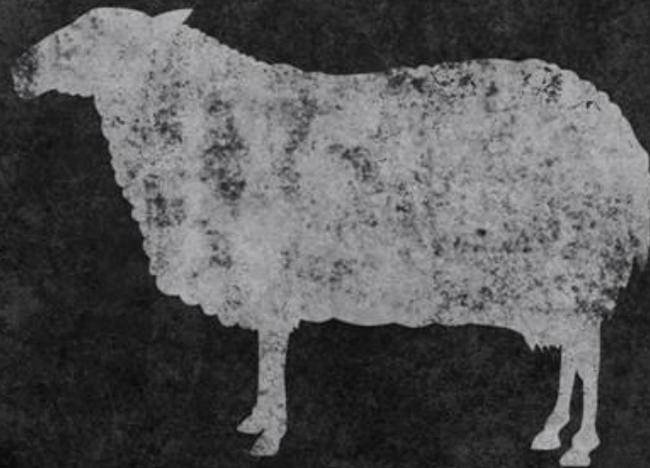
A scenic landscape featuring a large, rugged mountain peak in the center, flanked by smaller mountain ranges. The foreground is dominated by a calm lake that perfectly reflects the sky and the mountains. A dense forest of evergreen trees stretches across the middle ground, separating the lake from the base of the mountains. The sky is a clear, vibrant blue.

Welcome to Worship

Sanford church of Christ

ELDERS

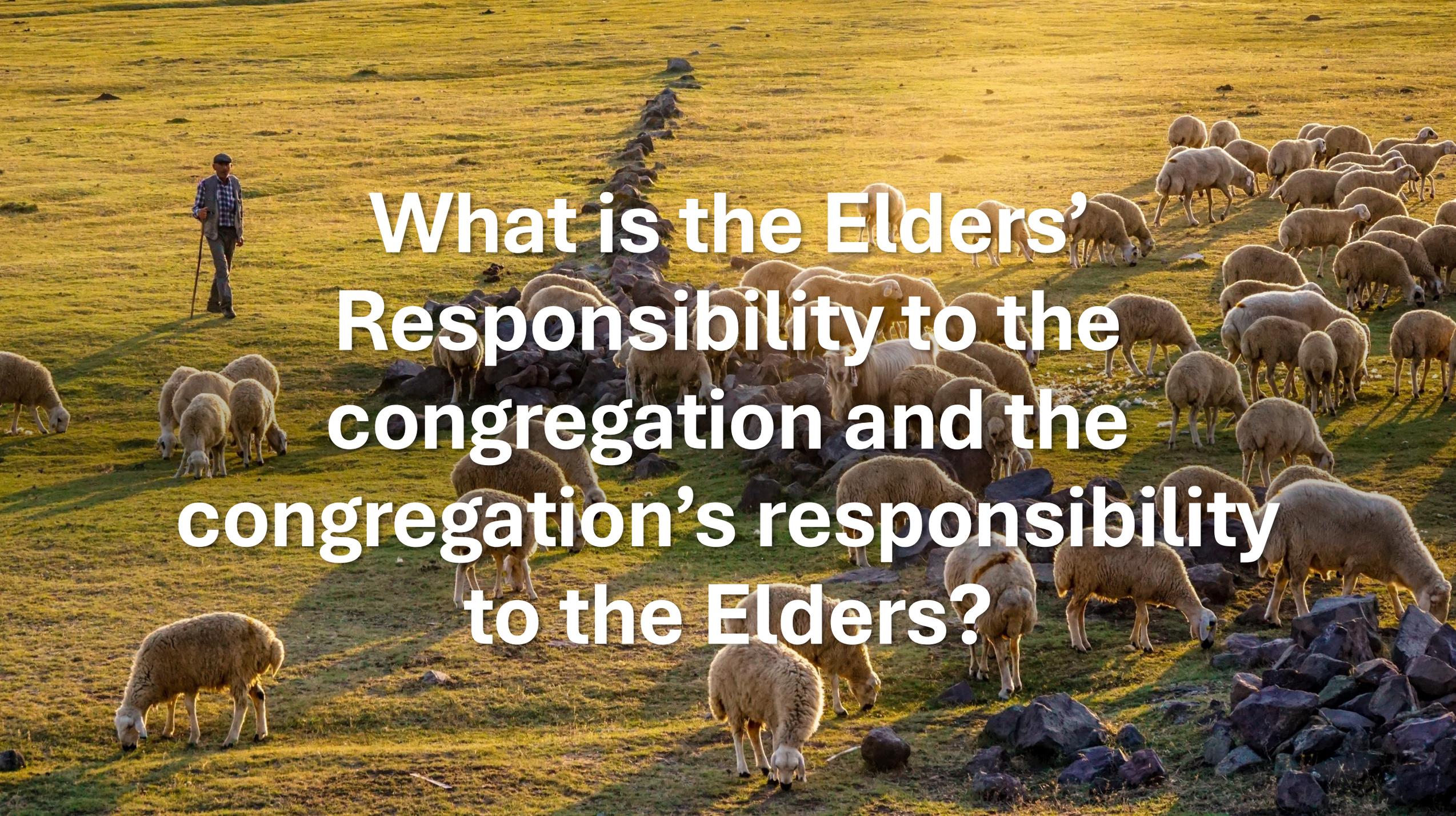
in Every Church





**What is the work of an
eldership?**

John 21:15 – 17 (ESV) (15 When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, “Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” He said to him, “Feed my lambs.” 16 He said to him a second time, “Simon, son of John, do you love me?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” He said to him, “Tend my sheep.” 17 He said to him the third time, “Simon, son of John, do you love me?” Peter was grieved because he said to him the third time, “Do you love me?” and he said to him, “Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my sheep.”)

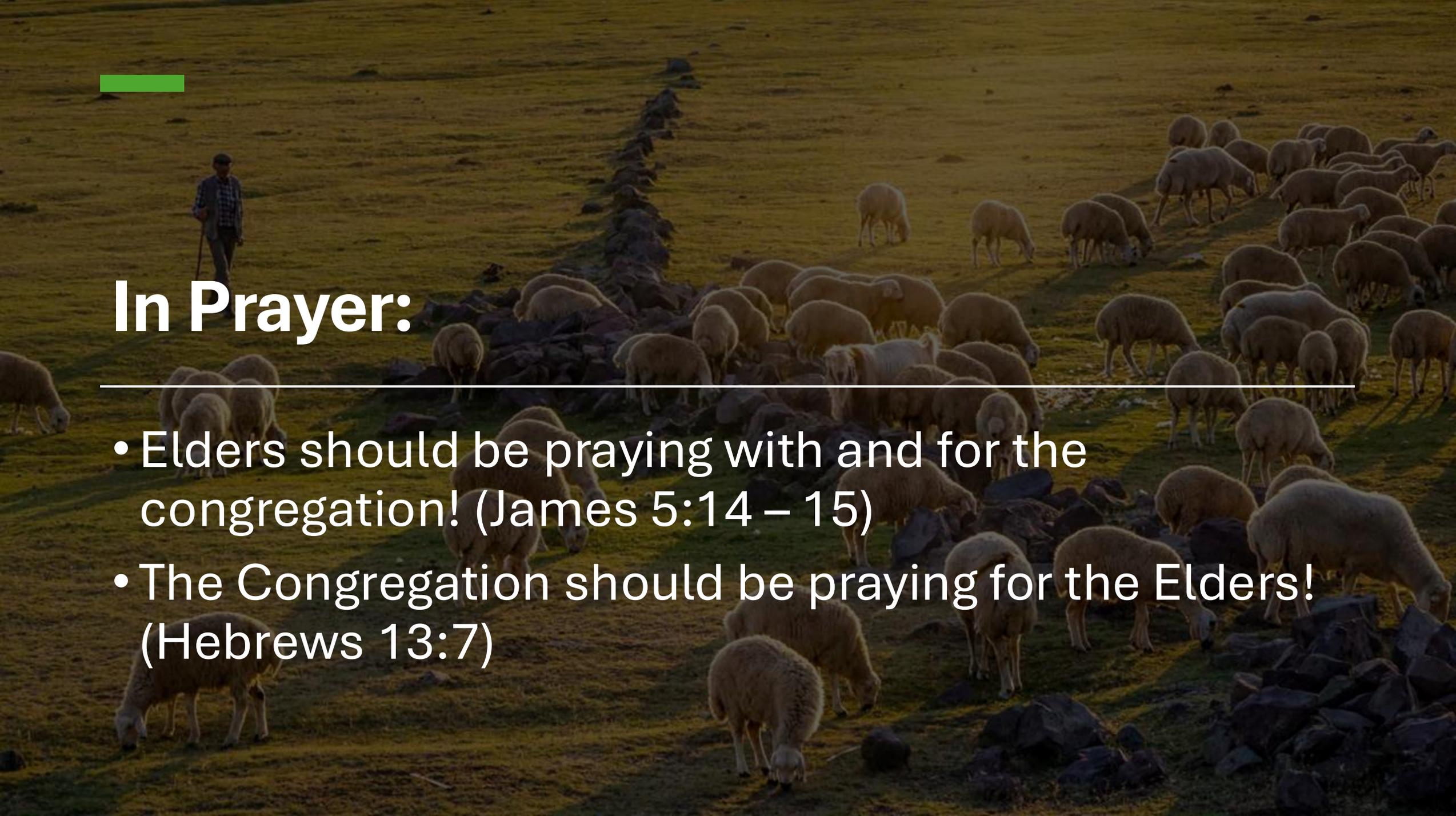


**What is the Elders'
Responsibility to the
congregation and the
congregation's responsibility
to the Elders?**

A shepherd in a plaid shirt and dark pants stands on the left side of a vast, green field, holding a long staff. A large flock of sheep is scattered across the field, with a prominent line of sheep stretching from the foreground towards the background. The scene is captured in a soft, golden light, suggesting late afternoon or early morning. A solid green horizontal bar is located in the top left corner of the image.

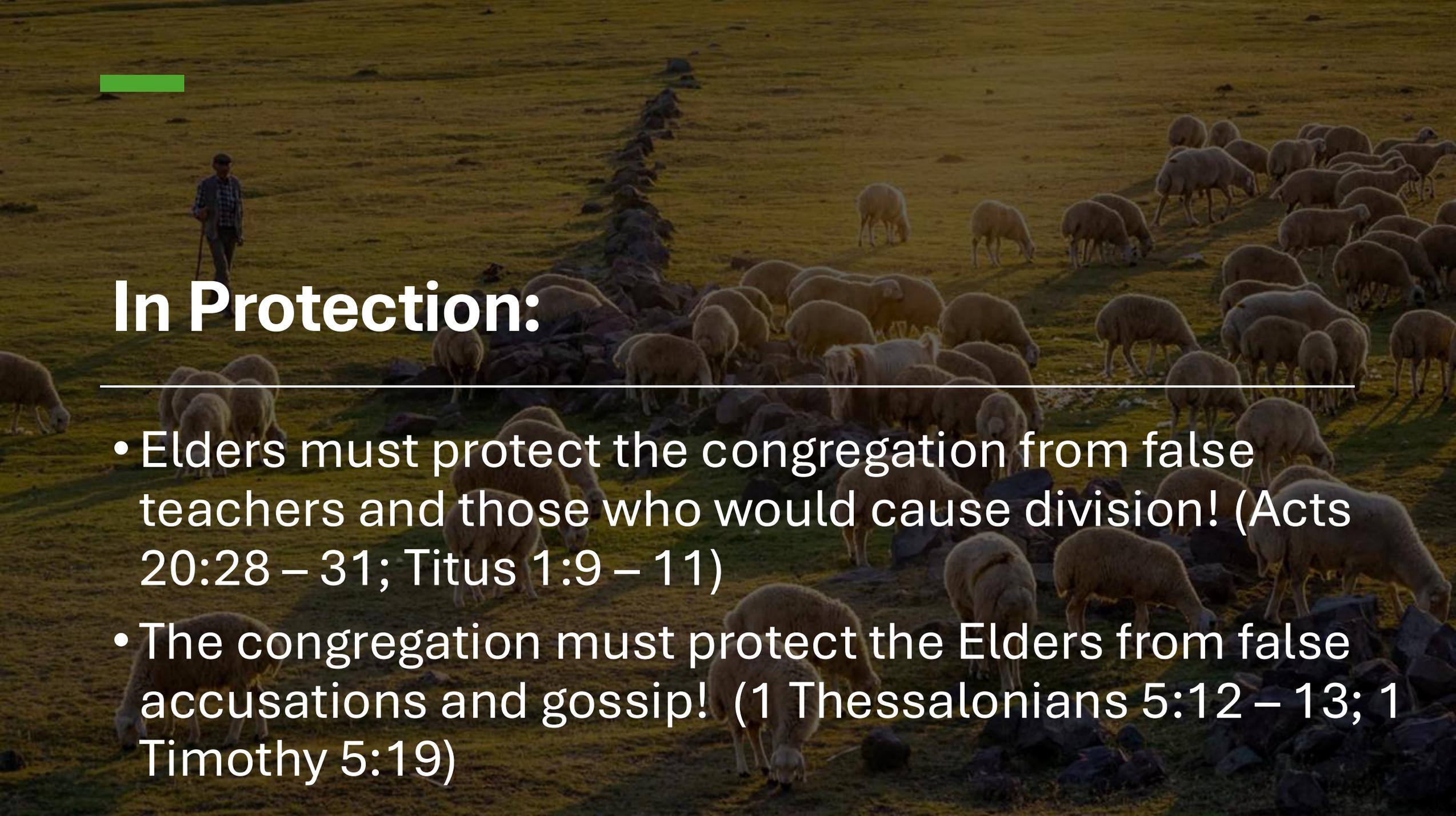
In Submission:

- Elders must submit to Jesus Christ as the Chief Shepherd! (1 Peter 5:1 – 4)
- The Congregation must submit to the oversight of the Elders in Christ Jesus! (1 Peter 5:5; Hebrews 13:17)

A shepherd in a plaid shirt and dark pants stands on the left side of a vast, open field. He holds a long staff. A large flock of sheep is scattered across the field, some grazing and others standing. The scene is bathed in the warm, golden light of sunset or sunrise, with long shadows cast across the grass. A thin white horizontal line is positioned below the title.

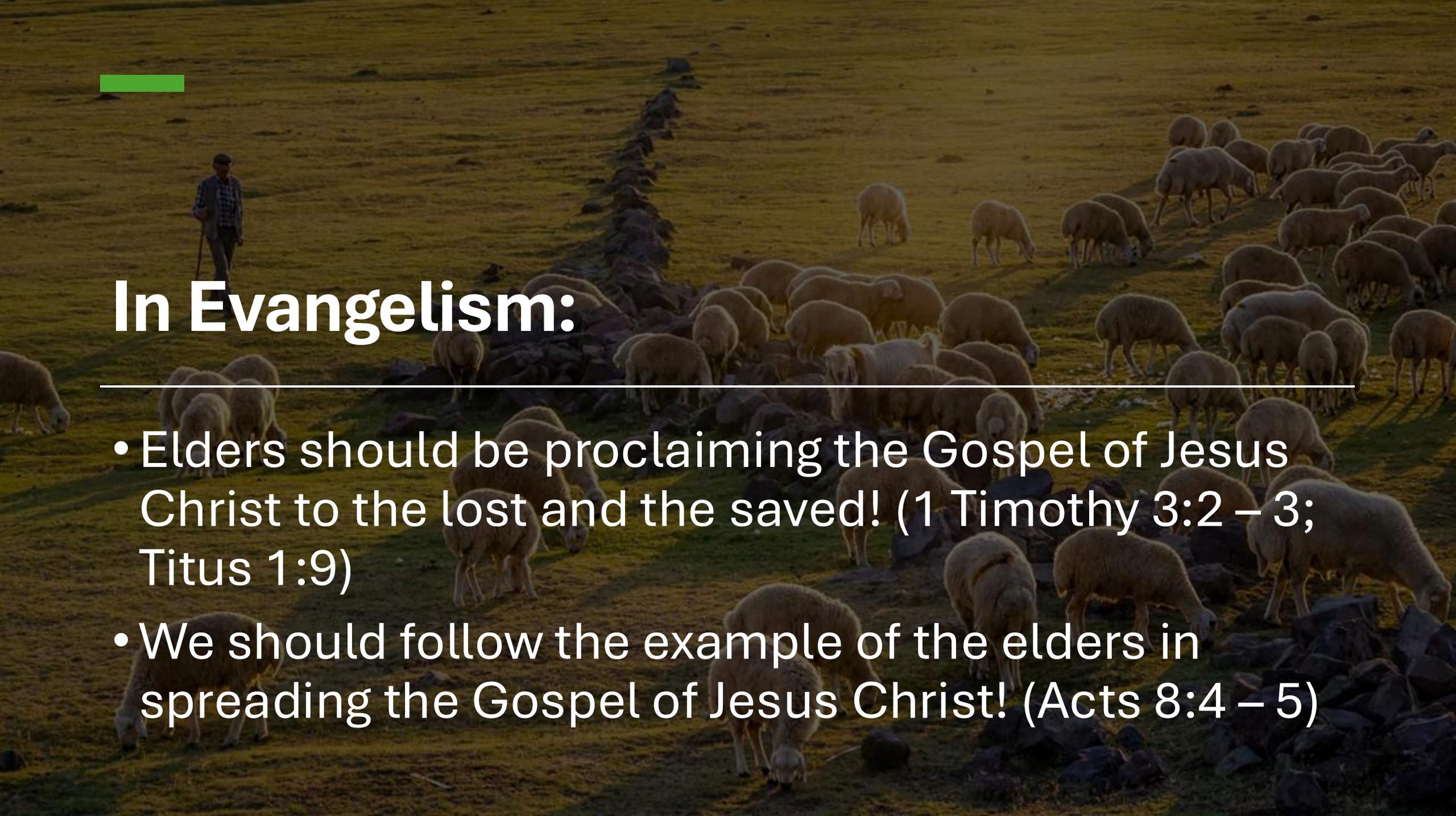
In Prayer:

- Elders should be praying with and for the congregation! (James 5:14 – 15)
- The Congregation should be praying for the Elders! (Hebrews 13:7)

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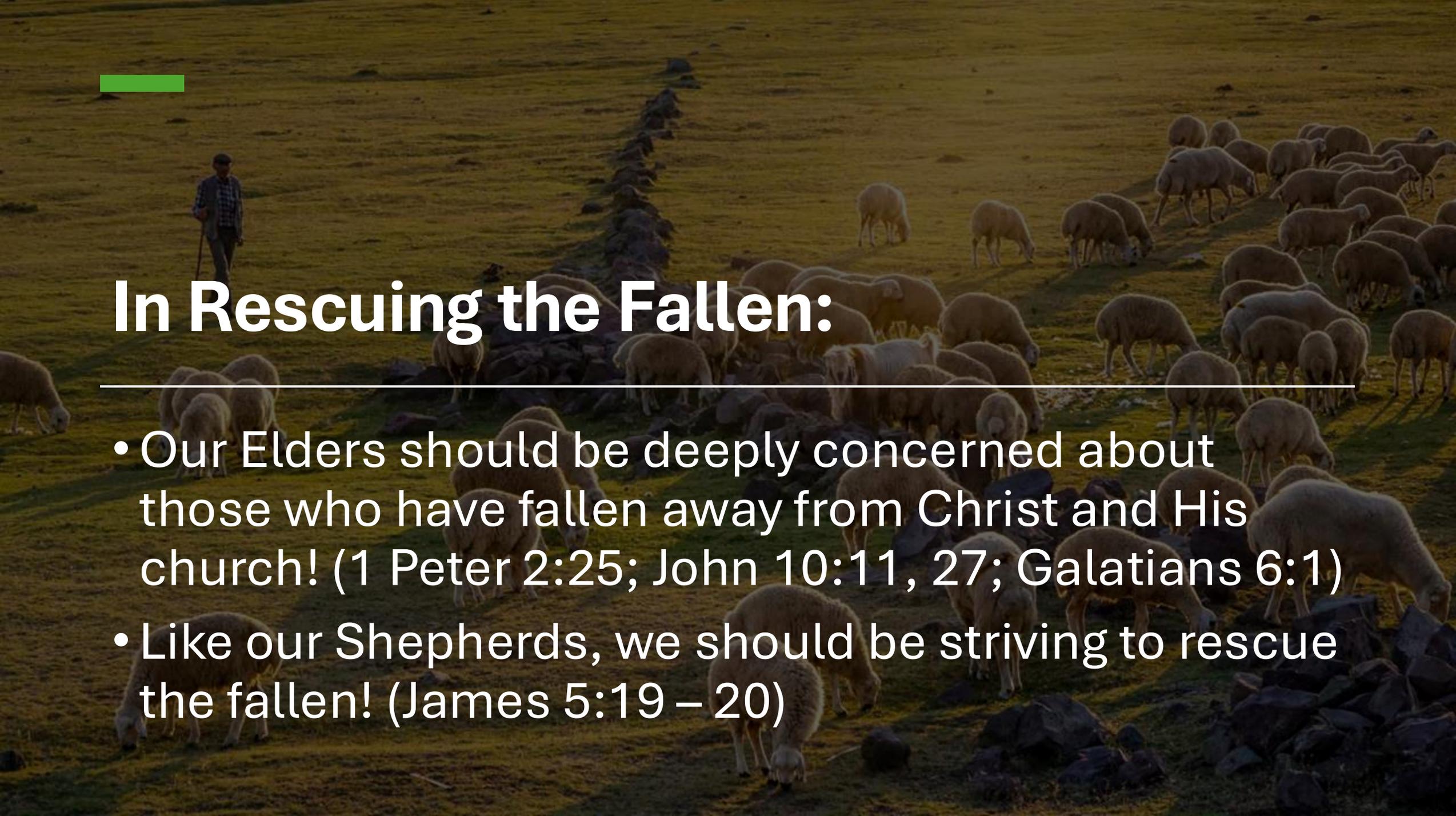
In Protection:

- Elders must protect the congregation from false teachers and those who would cause division! (Acts 20:28 – 31; Titus 1:9 – 11)
- The congregation must protect the Elders from false accusations and gossip! (1 Thessalonians 5:12 – 13; 1 Timothy 5:19)

A shepherd in a plaid shirt and dark pants stands on the left, holding a staff. A long, single-file line of sheep stretches from the shepherd towards the center of the frame. To the right, a large, loose flock of sheep is gathered. The scene is set in a grassy field during the golden hour of sunset or sunrise, with long shadows and a warm, dim light. A solid green horizontal bar is located in the top left corner of the image.

In Evangelism:

- Elders should be proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the lost and the saved! (1 Timothy 3:2 – 3; Titus 1:9)
- We should follow the example of the elders in spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ! (Acts 8:4 – 5)



In Rescuing the Fallen:

- Our Elders should be deeply concerned about those who have fallen away from Christ and His church! (1 Peter 2:25; John 10:11, 27; Galatians 6:1)
- Like our Shepherds, we should be striving to rescue the fallen! (James 5:19 – 20)



**Have you submitted to
the Chief Shepherd?**