

This fall, we have been looking at our values – what is important to us, as a church. So far, we have looked at:

- The centrality of the Word – the Bible, and Jesus
- Prayer
- Corporate worship and Communion

Today we change direction a bit, thinking of how things work, looking at -

Plurality of leadership

1 Evidences of Plurality

- Deity – God is a triune God, a community - Genesis 1:26
- Elders of Israel - Exodus 3:16a, 18a
- History – Jethro’s visit, and more - Exodus 18:13, 14, 17-19a
- Apostles led early church - Mark 3:13-16a
- Redeemed, the church - Acts 14:23

2 Benefits of Plurality

- Imitate Christ, not men - 1 Corinthians 1:12
- Live by the Spirit - Galatians 5:22, 23
- Sharpened by each other - Proverbs 27:17
- Eased burden - Ecclesiastes 4:9-12
- Priesthood of all - Romans 12:3b-6a

We can see many evidences and benefits of plurality of leadership, from which comes not only our church government structure, but our interdependence as Christ-followers here in Westlock.

(And, when you re-arrange the initial letters, you get

L-E-A-D-E-R-S-H-I-P)