

Pastors Plural

This 5-day devotional guide will help you prepare your heart for the upcoming Sunday sermon, "Pastors Plural." It may also be used as a guide for family devotions and is for the week beginning Monday, September 21, 2026.

Monday

Scripture: Acts 20:17

Questions for Reflection

- Who did Paul call to meet him from the church at Ephesus?
- What does this verse reveal about the number of elders serving in that church?
- Why do you think God often uses a team of leaders rather than a single leader to shepherd a church?
- How can you demonstrate appreciation and support for the spiritual leaders in your church?

Questions for Children

- Who did Paul ask to come meet with him?
- Were there several elders or just one elder in the church?

Prayer Prompt

Lord, thank You for giving leaders to care for Your church. Help me appreciate the wisdom of Your design

and encourage those who serve faithfully.

Tuesday

Scripture: Acts 20:28a

Questions for Reflection

- What are the elders told to pay careful attention to first?
- Who else are they commanded to watch over?
- Why is personal spiritual health essential for anyone who helps lead others?
- What steps can you take this week to strengthen your own walk with Christ?

Questions for Children

- Who are the church leaders supposed to watch carefully?
- Who else are they supposed to care for?

Prayer Prompt

Father, help me pay attention to my own spiritual life. Give me a heart that grows closer to You each day.

Wednesday

Scripture: Acts 20:28b

Questions for Reflection

- Who appointed these men as overseers of the church?

- What responsibility were they given toward God's flock?
- How should knowing that church leaders are appointed by the Holy Spirit affect the way we view their role?
- How can you pray more faithfully for your church's pastors and elders?

Questions for Children

- Who made these men overseers in the church?
- What were they supposed to do for God's people?

Prayer Prompt

Lord, thank You for providing shepherds to care for Your people. Help me faithfully pray for those who lead and teach in our church.

Thursday

Scripture: Acts 20:28

Questions for Reflection

- How is the church described in this verse?
- What does this verse say Christ did for the church?
- How does remembering Christ's sacrifice change the way you think about the importance of the church?
- What is one practical way you can invest yourself more fully in your church family?

Questions for Children

- Who does the church belong to?
- What did Jesus do to make the church His own?

Prayer Prompt

Jesus, thank You for loving the church so deeply. Help me treasure the people You purchased and seek their good.

Friday

Scripture: Acts 20:17, 28

Questions for Reflection

- What different leadership terms are used in these verses for the same group of men?
- What responsibilities are emphasized for these leaders?
- What benefits can come from having multiple pastors or elders serving together?
- How can you support the unity, effectiveness, and health of your church's leadership?

Questions for Children

- What are church leaders supposed to do for God's people?
- Does God want church leaders to care for the church carefully?

Prayer Prompt

God, thank You for Your wise plan for church leadership. Help our pastors

serve together faithfully, and help our church follow Christ in unity and love.