

## Follow the Leader(s)

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Hebrews 13:7-19

I. The Offense of Authority (Ephesians 3:14-15; Matthew 18:18)

II. Follow Your Leaders (verses 7, 17)

A. You are called to follow *your* leaders.

B. Your leaders display Christ to you. (1 Corinthians 11:1)

C. Look at them across time, not just now. (1 Timothy 4:15; 5:24-25)

D. Obey, imitate, trust, submit to, pray for them. (Psalm 72:15)

E. The limit of obedience: sin.

III. Leading to Jesus

A. Falsehood is shifts and passes away: Jesus never changes. (Psalm 77:10 NASB; John 8:44; 1 Corinthians 13:13; Hebrews 1:12 quoting Psalm 102; Revelation 1:17-18)

B. Truth is one. (1 Corinthians 14:33)

C. Grace of Jesus at the center of life. (Nehemiah 8:10)

D. Through suffering to glory. (Mark 12:10-11; Psalm 118:22)

E. Our city is yet to be revealed. (Revelation 21:2)

F. Truth calls us to a life and lips that praise God.

IV. How the Church's Leaders Lead

A. With humility. (Matthew 20:25-28; Isaiah 49:4)

B. By suffering reproach.

C. By speaking the word of God to you.

D. As those who will give account for your souls. (John 21:15-17; Matthew 24:45-46)