

PAUL'S VISION FOR THE DEACONS: Assisting the Elders with the Care of God's Church
– by Alexander Strauch¹

The form of this 6 week study will be comprised of reading assignments, and summary papers on each of the 4 sections identified in the study outline below. It is mandatory to do the summary papers, because we have found study is more intentional if there is a need to write a paper on the material. Also, the papers will supply you with your own mini-theology of the biblical position on Deacons for future use.

The papers should consist of *your interaction with the material* you have read and the biblical data presented in the text. The summary papers should be at least one type written page, and no more than two pages. Don't write what the chapters said, but what you got out of the section; like new thoughts, challenged thinking, or even where you differ with the author and why. We are not interested so much in grammar or writing skills as we are in the content of your interaction with what you have read. Please send your papers as an attached copy via email to slonetti@beaconforthecity.org

Class Schedule: June 6- July 18 Wednesday evenings 6:30 pm at Beacon of Hope

June 6 – Chapter 1	Introduction
June 13 – Chapters 2-3	Elders & Deacons
June 20 – Chapter 4	Ministry of Assisting Elders
June 27 – Chapters 5-6	Qualifications and Examinations
July 4 – FREE	
July 11 – 7-8	Wives/Women and Family
July 18 – Wrap Up	Discussion

Reading and Summary Paper Schedule: (please keep the due dates for completion)

Read Chapters 1-3

Write a summary paper of the material. **(Due June 13)**

Read Chapters 4

Write a summary paper of the material. **(Due June 27)**

Read Chapters 5-6

Write a summary paper of the material. **(Due July 11)**

Read Chapters 7-8

Write a summary paper of the material. **(Due July 18)**

¹ This book may be purchased from Amazon. *Paul's Vision for the Deacons*; ISBN 978-093608336-0