

On behalf of the current elder board of Existence Church, we would like to personally invite you to consider being a part of the elder board team. We believe through prayer, consistent interactions, personal character and faithfulness to the vision of Existence Church that you could be a tremendous addition and blessing to what God is doing in and through our community.

The primary role of an elder team is to discern, shepherd and serve as the overall spiritual and organizational guardians of the church. Acts 20:28 puts it this way, *“Be on guard for yourselves and for all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood.”*

As we move forward in the process of making a final decision, please know we take it seriously. With this being said, we would like to ask you to take a moment to answer some helpful questions about your lifestyle, beliefs, philosophy of ministry, etc. This will allow us to get to know you better and together make the best possible decision for the future of Existence!

Thank you ahead of time and we look forward to talking with you soon.

Sincerely,

Existence Church Board

∴ YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD

Please share in a paragraph or two the events that lead up to and culminating in your personal relationship with Jesus

In a short paragraph, how would you describe your current relationship with God?

Where do you think you need to grow in your spiritual life?

What are the top three practices that have shaped your spiritual formation as a follower of Jesus?

∴ YOUR BELIEFS ABOUT GOD

Explain what you believe the Bible teaches about the following:

+ The Bible

+ The Person of Jesus

+ Salvation

+ Sin

+ Justification

+ Sanctification

+ Role of the Holy Spirit

+ Baptism and Communion

+ Prayer

+ Giving

+ Community

∴ SPECIFIC ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

How do you see the roles and responsibilities of the following people?

+ The pastors of Existence Church

+ The elders of Existence Church

∴ THE QUALIFICATIONS OF AN ELDER

Please read 1 Timothy 3:1-7, Titus 1:5-9, and 1 Peter 5:1-7 and answer the following questions regarding your personal qualifications for elder.

Why do you desire to be an elder?

Are there any of the qualifications in these passages that you do not understand? If so, what areas?

Are there any of the qualifications that you feel you may not meet? If so, which areas? Is there anything in your life that causes you concern in holding the office of elder?

Is there anything about your lifestyle that would potentially bring reproach on yourself, your family, Existence Church, or the name of Jesus?

∴ YOUR FAMILY LIFE

How would describe the current condition of your marriage?

What do you feel is your role in your family?

What ways do you feel like you lead your family toward a closer relationship with Jesus?

.: SITUATIONS AND SCENARIOS

If someone in our church was struggling with pornography and they asked you for help, what advice would you give them?

If someone in our church asked you your personal beliefs about alcohol what would you say?

If some came to you with frustrations about one of the pastors, how would you react and what would you do?

If someone was leading a ministry and they were caught in an affair, what would your advice be to the elder board and pastors?

∴ QUESTIONS YOU MIGHT HAVE

Do you have any questions you would like to have answered by the elder board that would prove to be helpful in your personal discernment process?

If you certify that you have answered all questions honestly before the Lord, and desire to be considered for becoming an elder of Existence Church, please sign below.

Elder Applicant's Signature _____
Date _____

Do you as the applicant's wife believe that your husband is scripturally qualified to be an elder of Existence Church, and do you fully support him in this decision?

Wife's Signature _____

Date _____