



New Testament Pattern of Church Leadership

Jesus chose the Shepherding Model

Luke 15:1-3



Berean's example of Study

Acts 17:11

“they received the word with all eagerness, examining the Scriptures daily to see if these things were so.”

Paul and Silas teaching the Gospel to those at Berea



Christ the Chief Shepherd



Hebrew 13:20

- ▶ “Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant”

John 10:11


Jesus says; “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.”

The Shepherding Model

- ▶ Christ-centered
- ▶ Based on the leadership example of Jesus



Understanding Shepherding

- ▶ Old Testament; **the Shepherding Nature of God**
 - ▶ Psalm 23
 - ▶ Isaiah 40:11
 - ▶ Jeremiah 31:10
 - ▶ Ezekiel 34:12
 - ▶ Psalm 95:7-8
 - ▶ Psalm 78:52-53
 - ▶ Ezekiel 34:31
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Shepherding Model/The Old Testament

- ▶ **Romans 15:4**

- ▶ “For whatever was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope.”

- ▶ **2 Timothy 3:15-17**

- ▶ “and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. **16**All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, **17**that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.”



Shepherding principles **to provide;**

- ▶ Peace
 - ▶ Security/Protection
 - ▶ Caring
 - ▶ Guiding
 - ▶ Companion
 - ▶ Feeding
 - ▶ Loving
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Elder/Shepherds

▶ Titus 1:5

▶ “This is why I left you in Crete, so that you might put what remained into order, and appoint elders in every town as I directed you—”

Hebrews 13:7

Remember your leaders, those who spoke to you the word of God. Consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith.”



The New Testament pattern of Shepherding/elders

Plurality, group of men, Titus 1:2 “appoint elders”

Congregational shepherding, 1 Peter 5:2 “shepherd the flock
that is among you”



1 Peter 5: 1-3

- ▶ “So I exhort the elders among you, as a fellow elder and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, as well as a partaker in the glory that is going to be revealed: shepherd the flock of God that is among you, exercising oversight, not under compulsion, but willingly, as God would have you; not for shameful gain, but eagerly; not domineering over those in your charge, but being examples to the flock.”



Acts 20:28, Paul speaks to elders in the Ephesian church

- ▶ “Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God,”




Elder/Shepherd

- ▶ Not a title that brings a sense of greater importance
- ▶ Not an office that place one on pedestal
- ▶ **1 Peter 5:3**
 - ▶ “not domineering over those in your charge, but being examples to the flock.”

one whom willingly accepts a caretaking responsibility



A shepherd-elder's qualifications

- ▶ Given by the Holy Spirit, recorded by Paul;
 - ▶ 1 Timothy 3
 - ▶ Titus 1
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Shepherd's leadership attitude

- ▶ Built on love for Jesus;
 - ▶ John 14:15 “If you love me you will keep my commandments”
- ▶ Built on love for one another;
 - ▶ John 13:34-35 “A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”



Leadership; not limited to the eldership

Deacons; selflessly providing time and talents for the congregations and work of the church

Ministers; providing organized teaching from scripture to strengthen the congregations knowledge of the gospel

Truly every Christian is a minister; living a life by Christ's pattern to yield an example to those in our daily lives

Bible class teachers; youth through adult

Parents; leading children in the path of Christianity

Older women; encouraging younger women

Teens; providing a positive example to pre-teens

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New Testament Pattern components

- ▶ Communication
 - ▶ Leadership
 - ▶ Commitment
 - ▶ Sacrifice
 - ▶ Relationships
 - ▶ Accountability
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Communication



- ▶ John 10:3
 - ▶ “To him the gatekeeper opens. The sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out.



Leadership



- ▶ John 10:4

- ▶ “When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. 5 A stranger they will not follow, but they will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers.”

- ▶ 1 Peter 5:3

- ▶ “not domineering over those in your charge, but being examples to the flock.”



Commitment



- ▶ John 10:12

- ▶ “He who is a hired hand and not a shepherd, who does not own sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them.”

- ▶ 1 Peter 5:2

- ▶ “shepherd the flock of God that is among you, exercising oversight, not under compulsion, but willingly, as God would have you; not for shameful gain, but eagerly;



Sacrifice



▶ John 10:11, Jesus says;

“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.”

John 10:10, Jesus says;

“I came that they may have life and it abundantly”



Relationships



- ▶ Refer back to John 10:3
 - ▶ “calls His own sheep by name”

- ▶ John 10:14
 - ▶ “I know my own and my own know me “

John 10:27

“ My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me”



Accountability



- ▶ 1 Peter 5:4, to the Chief Shepherd (Jesus)
 - ▶ “And when the chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the unfading crown of glory.”
- ▶ 2 Corinthians 5:10
 - ▶ “For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive what is due for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil.”