



Advanced Ministry Class

Lesson 2

Practical Studies About the Ministry

2 Timothy 2:2

*And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses,
the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach
others also.*

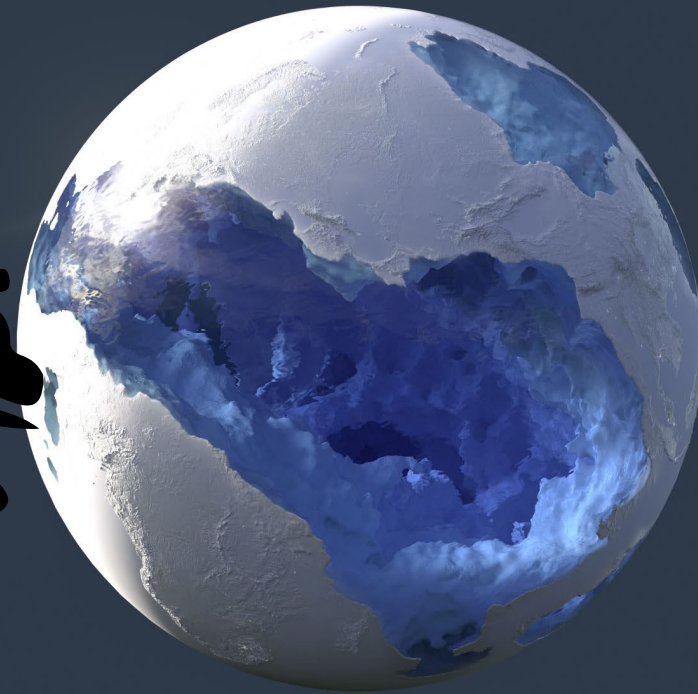
Topics of Discussion

- The Call to the Ministry
- **The Commission from the Master**
- The Commander of the Mission
- The Preacher and His Bible
- The Preacher and His Brethren
- The Preacher and His Books
- The Preacher and His Beliefs



The Commission from the Master

- **Matthew 28:19-20**
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THE GREAT COMMISSION

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Shepherd The Flock

Pastor the flock of God which is among you

Matthew 26:31 “... I will smite the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock shall be scattered abroad.”

Luke 12:32 “Fear not, little flock...”

Acts 20:28 Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood.

Acts 20:29 For I know this, that after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock.

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1 Peter 5:2 “Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight thereof, not by constraint, but willingly; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind;”

1 Peter 5:3 “Neither as being lords over God's heritage, but being ensamples to the flock.”

The Essence of Shepherding

In I Peter 5:1-4, the apostle wrote, “The elders which are among you I exhort, who am also an elder, and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, and also a partaker of the glory that shall be revealed: Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight thereof, not by constraint, but willingly; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind; Neither as being lords over God’s heritage, but ensamples to the flock. And when the chief Shepherd shall appear, ye shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away.”

- The emphasis here is not food for the sheep, but their care.
- A godly pastor will have right attitudes toward his people.
- Shepherding meshes well with the idea of oversight.
- I Peter 5:2-3 is the injunction for elders to pastor their people.

What is an Elder?

- An elder is a leader and is drawn from Old Testament usage.
- As the church became more Gentile in nature, a new term more familiar to the Greek mind emerged. That term was “bishop.”
- In local church usage in the New Testament, the term “elder” (*presbuteros*) was never used in the sense of some governing board of directors operating over a pastor.

Who is a Bishop?

- A bishop is the **scriptural overseer** of the local church.
- This term of leadership is that of “bishop,” translated from the Greek word *episcopos*.
- It is a Greek word which literally means “an overseer.”
- In the New Testament, the terms “**elder**,” “**bishop**,” and “**pastor**” are used interchangeably.
- This is a unique passage in the New Testament. Not only are the terms “**elder**” and “**overseer**” (bishop) used interchangeably, they both are directly related to the function of *pastoring* God’s people.
- Thus, the three basic terms of local church leadership are found in one direct context.

What is the Pastor?

A **pastor** is a shepherd.

The final term used in the New Testament for local church leadership is, of course, “**pastor.**” Without question, its primary sense is of “**shepherd.**”

It is the word used in John 10 when Jesus discussed the **Good Shepherd** and His sheep. It also is the word used in referring to the **Chief Shepherd** in I Peter 5:4 and the **Great Shepherd** in Hebrews 13:20. It is translated only once as “**pastor**” in Ephesians 4:11.

Jesus

- **Chief Shepherd**

1 Peter 5:4 And when the chief Shepherd shall appear, ye shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away.

- **Great Shepherd**

Hebrews 13:20 Now the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant,

- **Good Shepherd**

John 10:11 I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep.

John 10:14 I am the good shepherd, and know my *sheep*, and am known of mine.



What is the Difference?

THE PASTOR. Inherent in the term “pastor” (or shepherd) is the idea of personal care and concern.

THE BISHOP. Inherent in the term “bishop” is the idea of oversight, both spiritual and administrative. The bishop of the church is the one God has ordained to oversee the entire ministry of the church.

THE ELDER. The term “elder” has the historic sense of implied authority and seasoned leadership.

A wise “elder” (pastor) will always seek the counsel and advice of his people. The men whom God has given to serve as deacons are an invaluable source of counsel and wisdom. Other people and leaders in the church can be a constant source of feedback to enable the “elder” (i.e., pastor) to sense the pulse of the church.

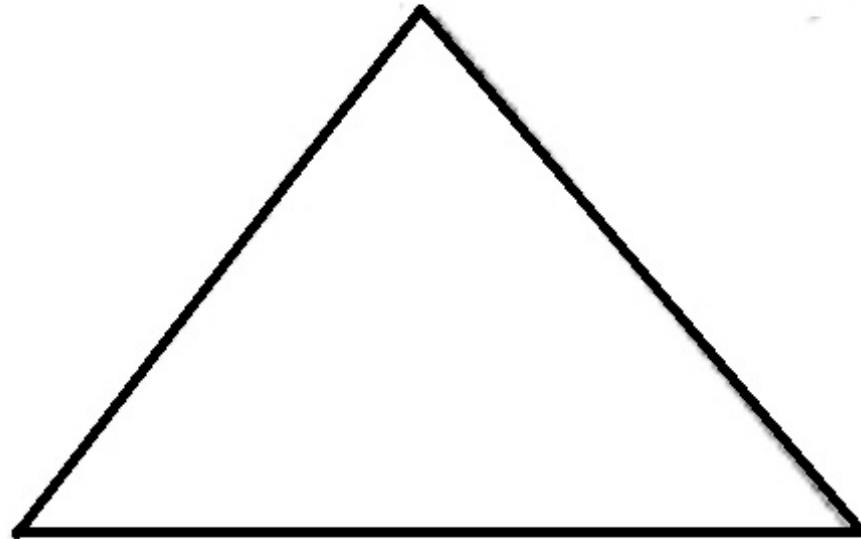
The Pastoral Triad

1. Preaching (i.e., the ministry of the Word and all that is involved therewith);
2. Program management (i.e., church administration of total church ministries);
3. Pastoring the people (i.e., loving, encouraging, helping, and meeting their needs).

The Pastoral Ministry

Preaching

Prayer & the Ministry of the Word
and all involved therewith



Program Management

Oversight of church administration
of total church ministries

Pastoring the People

Loving, encouraging, helping, and
meeting the needs of the people

Pastoring and Fulfilling the Great Commission

- Jesus Christ told his disciples, *“I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it,”* (Matthew 16:18).
- The local church of the New Testament is the only body Jesus Christ has placed upon this earth since His ascension back to glory. It is the *“ground and pillar of the truth,”* (I Timothy 3:15).
- ***“Everything thing rises and falls upon leadership.”*** Though the church of Jesus Christ as an overall institution will never fail, local churches have failed. Often that failure in some way is related to its leadership.
- Therefore, it should be evident, the office of pastor is crucial. He is the God-called, God-ordained leader of the exclusive body Jesus Christ left in His absence.

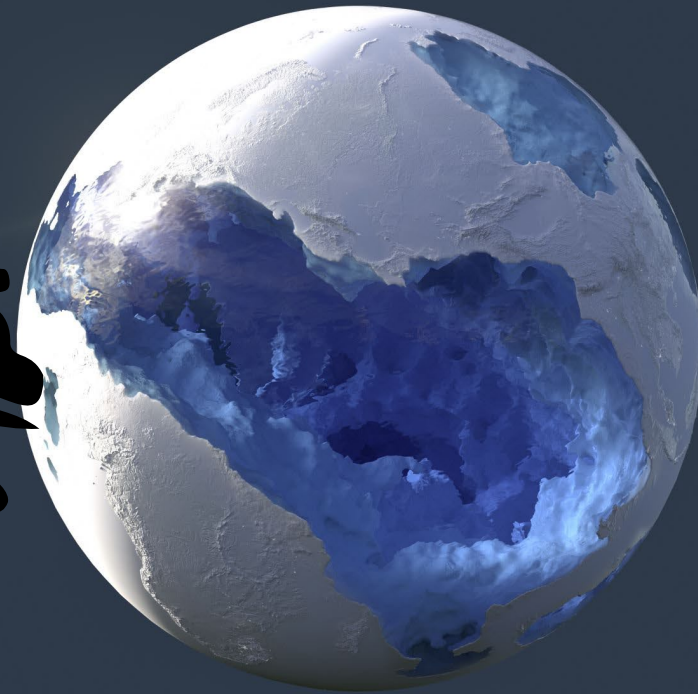
The Correlation Fulfillment of the Great Commission.

The local church is the institution to which Jesus Christ gave the Great Commission. It is our standing orders.

Therefore, we are under orders of our Commander-in-Chief to disciple others. If the pastor is the leader of the local church (and he is), it then follows, he has a mandate of Jesus Christ to fulfill the Great Commission.

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