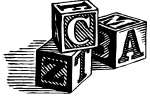


Acts 2:12 And they all continued in amazement and great perplexity, saying to one another,

"What Does This Mean?"

Response Questions for, "The Structure of the Local Church in the Mission of God - Part 1," (Acts 6:1-7; Acts 13:1-4; Acts 20:17, 18, 28; Eph. 4:11-16; 1 Tim. 3:1-13; 2 Tim. 2:2).



Basic Ideas concerning Structure.

The Holy Spirit is calling to us from this passage to consider three ideas.

1. The Holy Spirit desires for us to know how He is working in and through the Elders and Deacons of local churches.
2. The Holy Spirit desires for us to choose to embrace the biblical structure for local churches.
3. The Holy Spirit desires for us to feel the joy of seeing the work of God unfold in and through His church.



Basic Questions concerning Structure.

1. Can a Local Church function without identifiable leadership? If so, when is a Local Church a Local Church?
2. The other side of this is equally true; when is a gathered assembly of believers not a Local Church?
3. Should an individual be identified as a Pastor/Elder/Bishop outside the context of a Local Church? Does a title alone qualify an individual to occupy the office?
4. Are there certain qualifications found in the New Testament that would guide a Pastor in fulfilling His responsibilities in shepherding the people of God?
5. Is there any biblical distinction between one who is an Elder, Bishop, and Pastor?
6. What are the functions of a Pastor inside the Local Church?
7. Should an individual without the gift be in the office?
8. Does giftedness constitute the call to fill the office of Pastor?
9. Who appoints a Pastor to office?
10. Can more than one individual fill the office of Pastor?
11. What does it mean to be an Elder led Local Church?
12. Are there certain qualifications for the individual who might occupy the office of Pastor?
13. What are the responsibilities of the "flock" to the shepherds?



Basic Application concerning Structure.

1. Elders, are we biblically qualified?
2. Deacons, are we biblically qualified?
3. Congregant, are you gladly following the lead of your Elders and Deacons?
4. Be careful who you put in the position of Elder because you have a responsibility toward them.
5. Be careful of wanting to be an Elder because you have a responsibility for the sheep.
6. Be careful who you put in the position of Deacon/Deaconess because you have a responsibility toward them.
7. Be careful of wanting to be a Deacon/Deaconess because you have a responsibility for the sheep.

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