

Acts 13-21 - How the Church works

WEEK 3 - Answering the question "WHO?" in the early Church

RELATIONSHIPS and MISSION are important and the balance between the two is very interesting -

What are your overall impressions of the relationships in the New Testament Churches?

Please use the following to make notes about the various relationships:

NAME	CHARACTERISTICS OF THE RELATIONSHIP
PRISCILLA AND AQUILA	
TIMOTHY	
TITUS	
SILAS	
BARNABAS AND JOHN MARK	
APOLLOS	
THE VARIOUS OTHERS	

The 5 FOLD MINISTRY - Eph 4v11...

Paul's letter to Ephesus contains the teaching about the 5 fold.

Eph 4:11-16 And He Himself gave some [to be] apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, 12 for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, 13 till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ; 14 that we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting, 15 but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head--Christ-- 16 from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love.

Please use the following to make a note of the various relationships:

GIFT	CHARACTERISTICS SHOWN IN THE NEW TESTAMENT
PROPHETS	
EVANGELISTS	
TEACHERS	
APOSTLES	
PASTORS / SHEPHERDS	

Note these verses about the role of **ELDERS**:

Act 20:28 "Therefore take heed to yourselves and to 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.

1Pe 5:1-4 The elders who are among you I exhort, I who am a fellow elder and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, and also a partaker of the glory that will be revealed: 2 **Shepherd** the flock of God which is among you, serving as overseers, not by compulsion but willingly, not for dishonest gain but eagerly; 3 nor as being lords over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock; 4 and when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the crown of glory that does not fade away.

1Ti 3:2 A bishop (Elder) then must be blameless, the husband of one wife, temperate, sober-minded, of good behavior, hospitable, **able to teach**;

CONCLUSION:

- Who did the various ministry roles in the Church?
- Are relationships in your Christian life like those in the early Church?
- How can you change to line your life up better with the model in Acts?