

WELCOME

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Discovery is a non-denominational Christian Church that seeks to lead people to discover and experience life, love and hope in Jesus Christ. These values drive our Sunday morning worship, community gatherings throughout the week, and the ministries we serve in.

FALL MESSAGE SERIES

'CHURCH'

A Study Through the Book of Acts

This week's message:

CHURCH: Servant Leadership

Acts 6:1-7

The PROBLEM: (v. 1) DIVERSITY in UNITY.

The PRINCIPLE: (v. 2-4) When senior spiritual leadership was too burdened to simultaneously get time for PRAYER, BIBLE STUDY, and the CARE OF PEOPLE, they appointed additional leaders to help meet the needs.

The PEOPLE: (v. 5-6) men known to be full of the Spirit & wisdom.

The PRODUCT: (v. 7) FRUITFUL MINISTRY

What does the New Testament say about "ELDERS"?

A plurality of qualified men, supported by the servants of the church, appointed by the Holy Spirit, accountable to Jesus Christ

Acts 11:29-30; Acts 14:21-23; Acts 15:1-35; Acts 16:4-5; Acts 20:17-31; Phil. 1:1; 1 Timothy 3:1-16; 1 Timothy 5:17-20; Titus 1:5-10; James 5:13-14; 1 Peter 5:1-4

How do we serve together today?

The PRINCIPLE: The right people, with the right hearts in the right place, doing the right things.

The PEOPLE:

Elders: shepherds who lead, feed, and protect those in their care (Acts 20: 17-30; 1 Peter 5:1-4)

"Deacons": qualified SERVANTS (Phil. 1:1; 1 Tim. 3:1-13)

Members: baptized parts of the Body (Rom. 12:1-12; 1 Cor 12:12-27; Gal. 3:26-28)

Community Group Discussion Guide

Review Acts 6:1-7. If you missed Sunday's message, listen online.

What is your role in serving? How did you realize you were in the right place doing the right thing with the right heart? Or how can you get to that place in your life with Christ?

Throughout this study we've talked about being a Spirit-led church. How and why does God use human leadership? Does the idea of human leadership seem difficult to accept? How have past church or personal experiences impacted your thoughts as you come to our study today?

What are your thoughts of eldership? What does God say? Review the following Scriptures: Acts 14:21-23; Acts 15:1-2, 6; Acts 16:4-5; Acts 20:28-31; 1 Timothy 3:1-17; 1 Timothy 5:17-20; Titus 1:5-10; James 5:13-14; 1 Peter 5:1-4. How does God's Word change your thoughts?

What struggles do you have with authority? Why? What type of men and women are you willing to trust in as leaders? What do you expect from your leaders? What can and should they expect from you?

How does a proper view of leadership and serving within the church help keep the church healthy and growing? How are you contributing to the health and growth of the church? (For an Old Testament example, also read Exodus 18:13-26.)

MORE NOTES: _____

This Week's Reading Through Acts:

Sunday	Acts 14	Tuesday	Acts 16	Friday	Acts 19
Monday	Acts 15	Wednesday	Acts 17	Saturday	Acts 20
		Thursday	Acts 18		