

# Relationships Matter

GOD'S DESIRE FOR A COMMUNITY OF BELIEVERS

Gifts to the Body



Part of the 'Growing Together'  
Discipleship Stream



# Questions to Ponder

- Which of the 5 gifts do you see operating in SCF?
- If less than 5, then why do you feel that is?

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## God's Desire for a Community of believers – Relationships Matter

- Holiness – To be cut out and set apart
- We are One – Looking more like Christ causes us to be in tune with one another
- Unity in the Body – Everyone has a place in the Body
- Gifts to the Body – Apostles and Prophets
- Gifts to the Body – Pastors, Teachers and Evangelists

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1 Corinthians 12:27-31 - Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it. And God has placed in the church first of all apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healing, of helping, of guidance, and of different kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all have gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? Now eagerly desire the greater gifts. And yet I will show you the most excellent way.



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The Word first denotes the level of importance in a succession of events

Matthew 6:33 - But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

Matthew 7:5 - You hypocrite, first take the plank out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother's eye.

Matthew 23:26 - Blind Pharisee! First clean the inside of the cup and dish, and then the outside also will be clean.



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# Ephesians 4:11-13

And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, 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;

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# Key offices to Establish the church

- Not all for one person
- It's a team game
- Can operate in more than one

1 Corinthians 14:31 - For you can all prophesy one by one, that all may learn and all may be encouraged.



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A Focus on Pastor / Teacher

All are relevant for today

All are needed for today

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# Teachers & Pastors... Pastors/Teachers

Many see them as one in the same thing

- Teacher – didaskalos
- One who teaches concerning the things of God and the duties of man.
- Oxford dictionary - Impart knowledge to or instruct (someone) as to how to do something.
- Opens up the oracles of God's word bringing greater meaning
- The gift of a teacher is not simply to convey information so people understand



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- Pastor - Poimen
- Shepherd



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# A shepherd lead their sheep



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# A shepherd care for their sheep



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# A shepherd protect their sheep



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# A shepherd tends to their sheep



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- Evangelist
- euaggelistes
- Bringer of Good Tidings
- Noun it only occurs 3 times in the New Testament
- As a verb – Evangelise it occurs often
- We are all to Evangelise



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# Equipping of the Saints

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