



Office of Elders
Part #3
Responsibilities



Biblical Perspective



EPHESIANS 4:11-12

Corporate Gifts

He gave some as **apostles**, and some as **prophets**, and some as **evangelists**, and some as **pastor and teachers**.

Corporate Gifts' Ministry

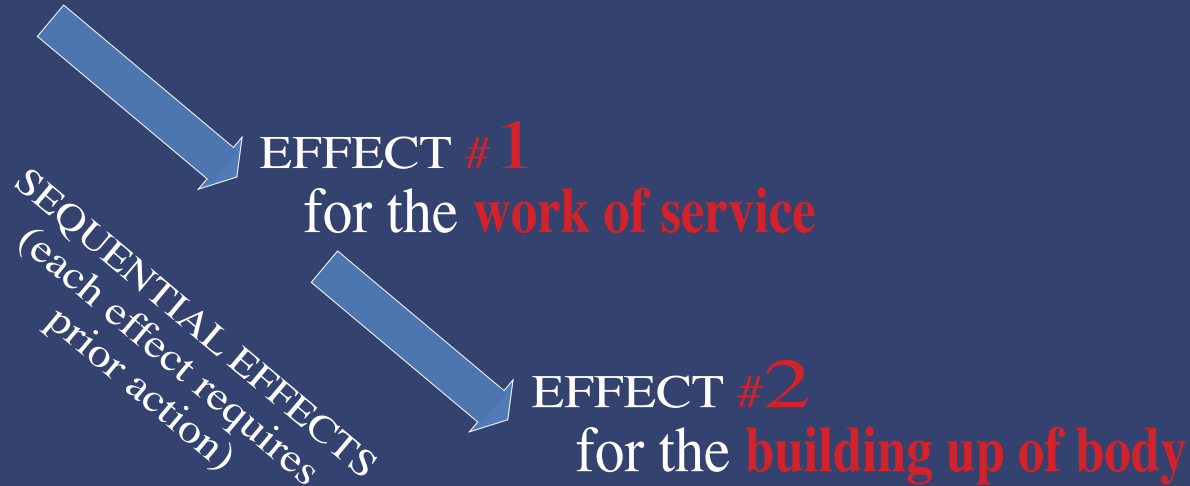
For the **equipping of the saints** for the work of service, for the building up of the body of Christ.

EFFECT OF CORPORATE GIFTS' MINISTRY

MINISTRY

v 12

for the **equipping of the saints**



v 16

Effect #1 WORK OF SERVICE

16a,b The whole body, being fitted and held together by that which every joint supplies, according to the proper working of each individual part,

Effect #2 BUILDING UP OF BODY

16c [The whole body] causes the growth of the body for the building up of itself in love.

1 PETER 5:1-4

1 Therefore, I exhort the **elders** among you, as your fellow elder and witness of the sufferings of Christ, and a partaker also of the glory that is to be revealed,

2 **shepherd the flock** of God among you, **exercising oversight** not under compulsion, but **voluntarily**, according to the will of God; and not for sordid gain, but **with eagerness**;

3 nor yet as lording it over those allotted to your charge, but **proving to be examples** to the flock.

4 And when the Chief Shepherd appears, you **will receive** the unfading **crown** of glory.

ACTS 20:17, 28-31....

17 From Miletus he sent to **Ephesus** and called to him the **elders** of the church.

28 **Be on guard** for **yourselves** and for 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.

29 I know that after my departure savage **wolves** will **come in** among you, not sparing the flock;

30 and **from among** your own selves **men will arise**, speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after them.

31 Therefore **be on the alert**, remembering that night and day for a period of three years I did not cease to admonish each one with tears.

....ACTS 20:32-35

32 And now I commend you to God and to the **word** of His grace, which is **able to build you up** and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified.

33 I have **coveted no** one's silver or gold or clothes.

34 You yourselves know that these hands ministered to [**provided for**] my own needs and to the men who were with me.

35 In everything I **showed** you that by **working hard** in this manner you must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, that He Himself said, 'It is **more blessed to give** than to receive.'”

MINISTRY OF ELDERS

Responsibility

WHAT

1 PETER 5:1-4

"Shepherd the Flock"
(*poimaino*) (*poimne*)

- Lead/Rule
- Feed
- Protect

ACTS 20:28-35

"Shepherd the Church"
(*poimaino*) (*ekklesia*)

- Lead/Rule
- Feed
- Protect

Motivation

WHY

Positively

- Willingly
- Eagerly

Negatively

- Not under Compulsion
- Not for Sordid Gain

- Committed

- Not for Material Gain

Method

HOW

- Becoming Examples

- Not Lording Over

Example

Result

Receive Crown
(based on faithfulness)

"More blessed to give
than to receive"

PASTOR, WORD, & ELDER

	EPHESIANS 4:11-12	2 TIMOTHY 3:16-17	ACTS 20:28-32
God's Gift	Shepherd-Teacher (<i>poimen</i>)	Word	Elder/Overseer
Purpose	"for equipping (<i>katartismos</i>) of the saints"	"may be adequate" (<i>artois</i>)	"to shepherd" (<i>poimaino</i>)
Additional Information	"for the building up (<i>oikodome</i>) of the body"	"equipped for every (<i>exartizo</i>) good work"	"word...which is able to built up" (<i>oikodomeo</i>)

NEW TESTAMENT ELDER

RESPONSIBILITIES

Shepherd
Eph 4:11



ABILITIES

Leading
1 Tim 3:4–Ability
(Rom 12:8–Gift)

Teacher
Eph 4:11

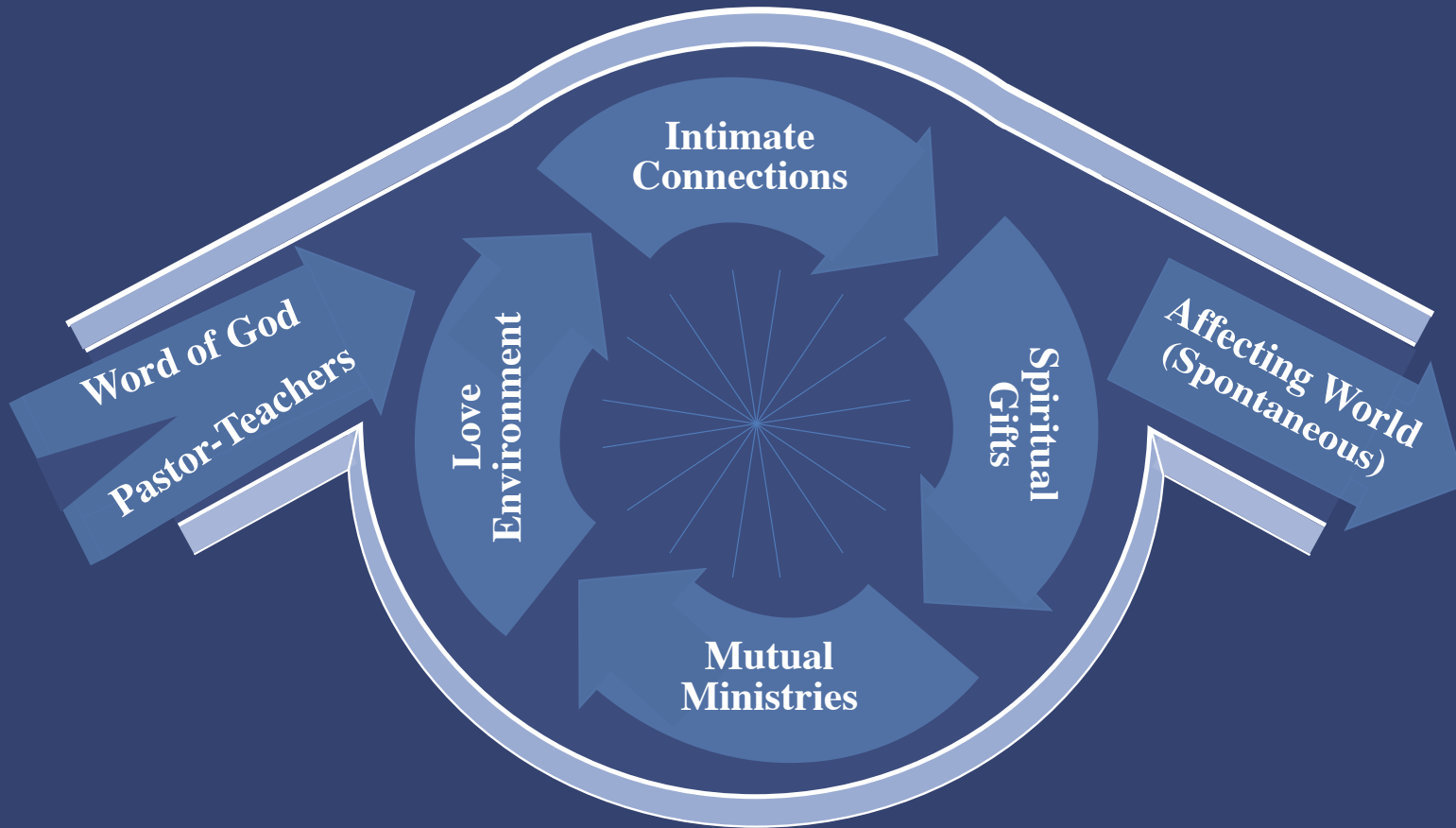


Teaching
1 Tim 3:2–Ability
(Rom 12:7–Gift)



FUNCTIONING OF THE CHURCH

Truthing in Love



"Equipping the Saints" + "Work of Service"
= "Building Up of the Body"

Church Gathered

Church Scattered

Biblical Teaching



FACETS OF BIBLICAL TEACHING

INSTRUCTING

Verbal
Communication

1st FACET

MODELING

Visual
Communication

2nd FACET



BIBLICAL TEACHING (Modeling)

LUKE 6:40

A pupil is not above his teacher; but everyone, after he has been fully trained, **will be like his teacher**.

1 CORINTHIANS 4:16

Therefore I exhort you, **be imitators of me**.

1 CORINTHIANS 11:1

Be imitators of me, just as I also am of Christ.

PHILIPPIANS 3:17

Brethren, join in **following my example**, and observe those who walk according to the pattern you have in us.

PHILIPPIANS 4:9

The things you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, **practice these things**, and the God of peace will be with you.

1 THESSALONIANS 1:5-7

Our gospel did not come to you in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of men **we proved to be among you** for your sake. You also **became imitators of us** and of the Lord, having received the word in much tribulation with the joy of the Holy Spirit, so that you **became an example** to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia.

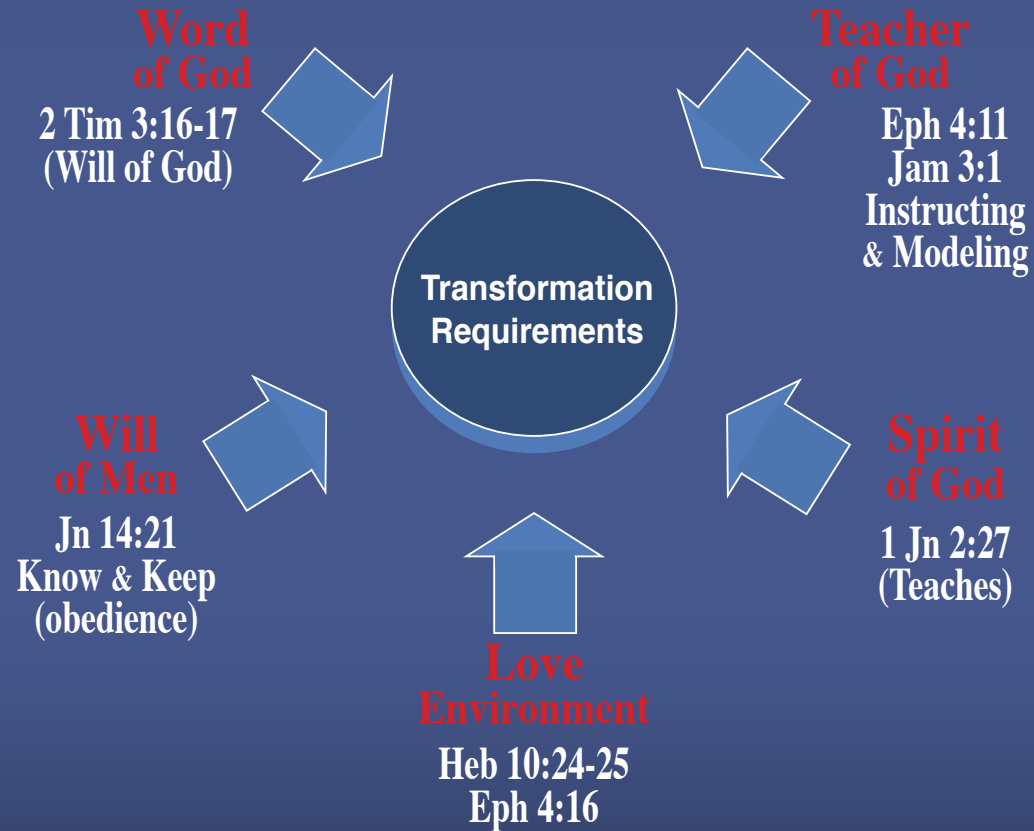
2 THESSALONIANS 3:7-9

For you yourselves know how you ought to **follow our example**, because we did not act in an undisciplined manner among you, nor did we eat anyone's bread without paying for it, but with labor and hardship we kept working night and day so that we would not be a burden to any of you; not because we do not have the right to this, but in order to offer ourselves as a **model for you**, so that you would **follow our example**.

Biblical teaching is not
just the transmission of words
but the transformation of lives.



BIBLICAL TEACHING (Ingredients)



Learning Process



PROCESSING INFORMATION (Internalization)



HOW?

WHAT?

WHEN?

WHERE?

WHY?

HOW?



What does that mean?

What does that imply?

What is that really saying?

What is the relationship?

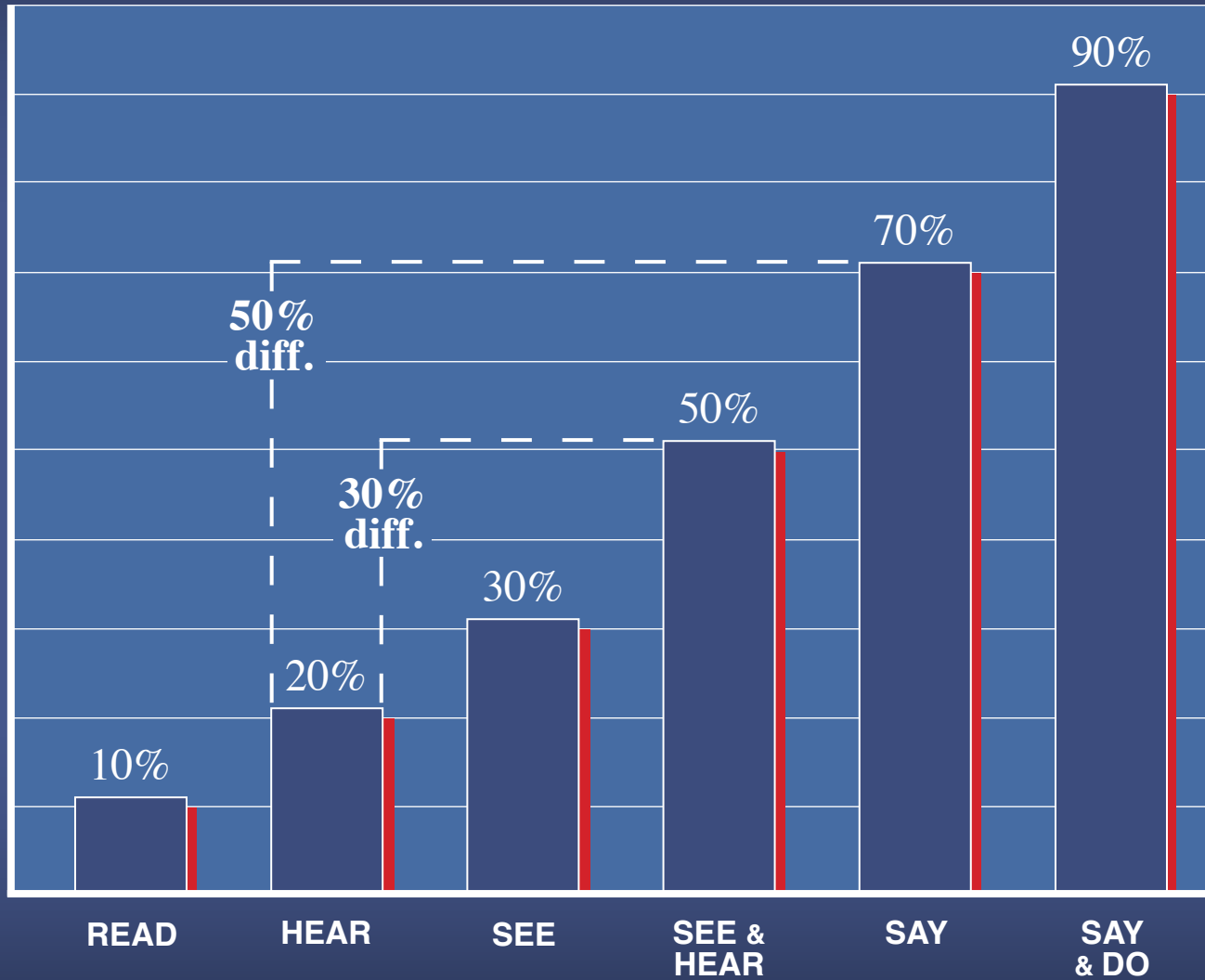
What is the connection?

What is the result?



How does that
apply to me?

RETENTION LEVELS



Source: International Center for Learning

INSTRUCTION OPTIONS

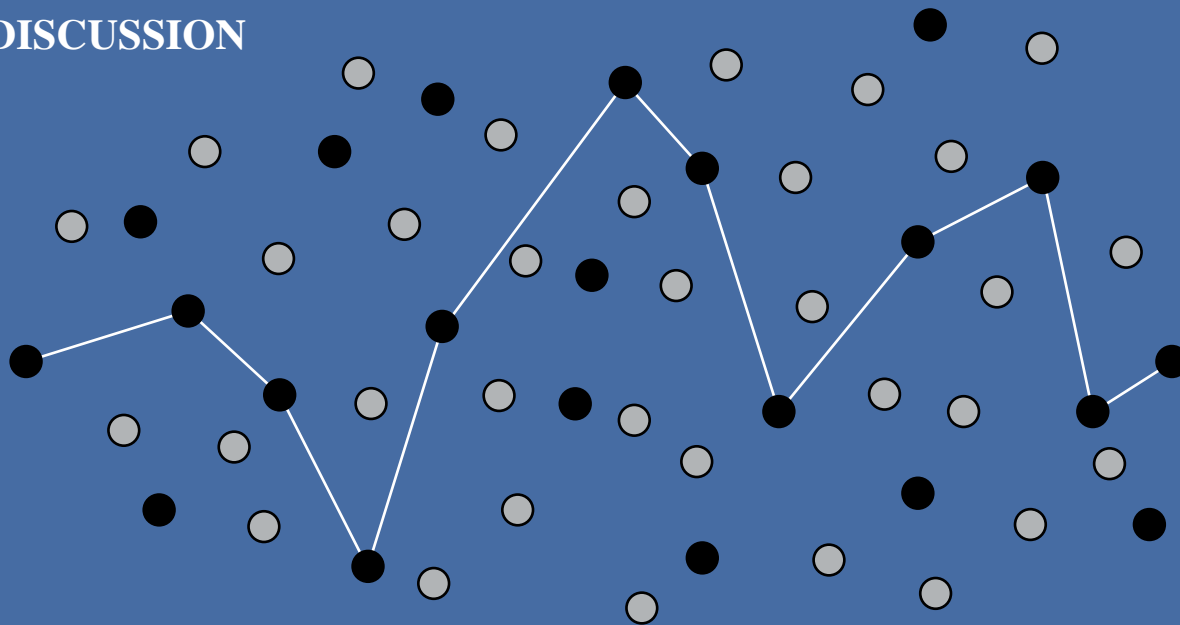
BEGIN

FINISH

LECTURE



DISCUSSION



● Correct Data

● Incorrect Data

INSTRUCTION SPECTRUM



- Oral
- Presentation
- Large/Medium Groups
- Most Control
- Audience Told the Truth by Lecturer
- Requires Extensive Preparation (Study)
- Audience Provided End Result of Preparation
- Audience Remains Dependent
- Impact on Greatest Number of People

- Oral
- Participation (Interact)
- Small Groups
- Least Control
- Participants Guided to the Truth by Leader
- Requires Extensive Preparation (Study)
- Participants Involved in Reaching End Result
- Participants Becoming Self-Sufficient
- Greatest Impact upon People

CONVERGENCE OF TEACHING & LEARNING

TEACHING

INSTRUCTING

MODELING

Verbal
Communication

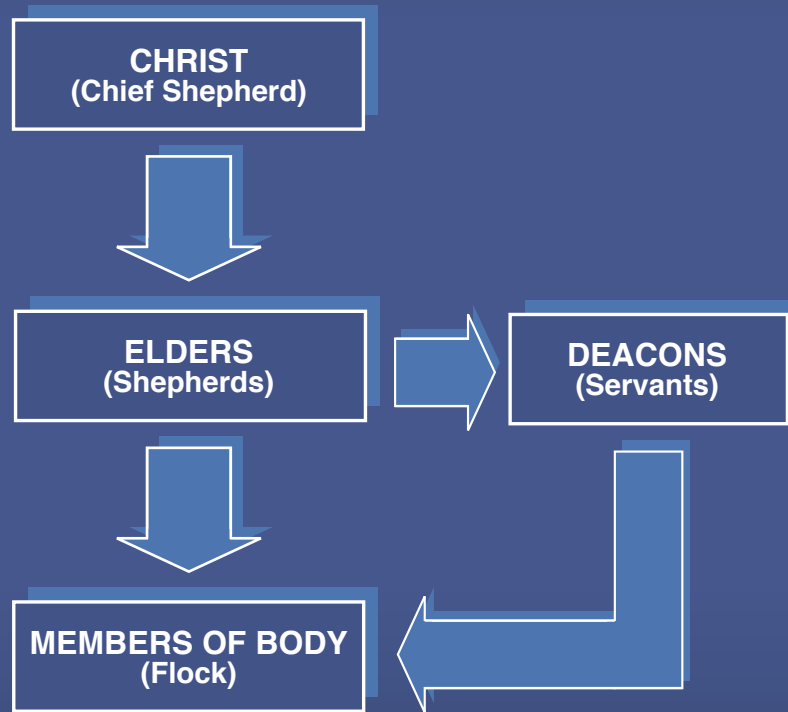
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Communication

LEARNING

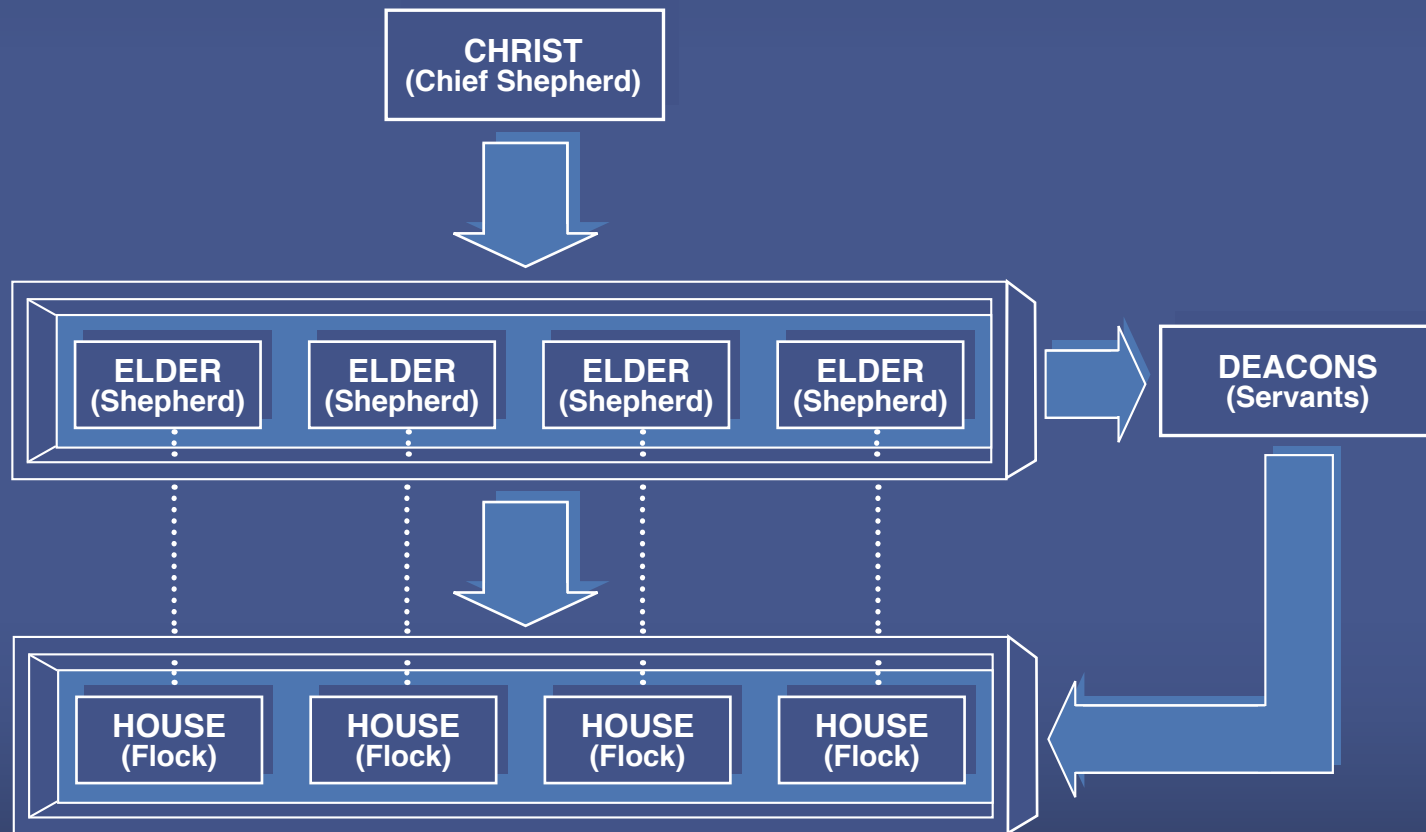
Lecture
(listeners)
Discussion
(participants)

Structured
(gatherings)
Informal
(one-on-one)

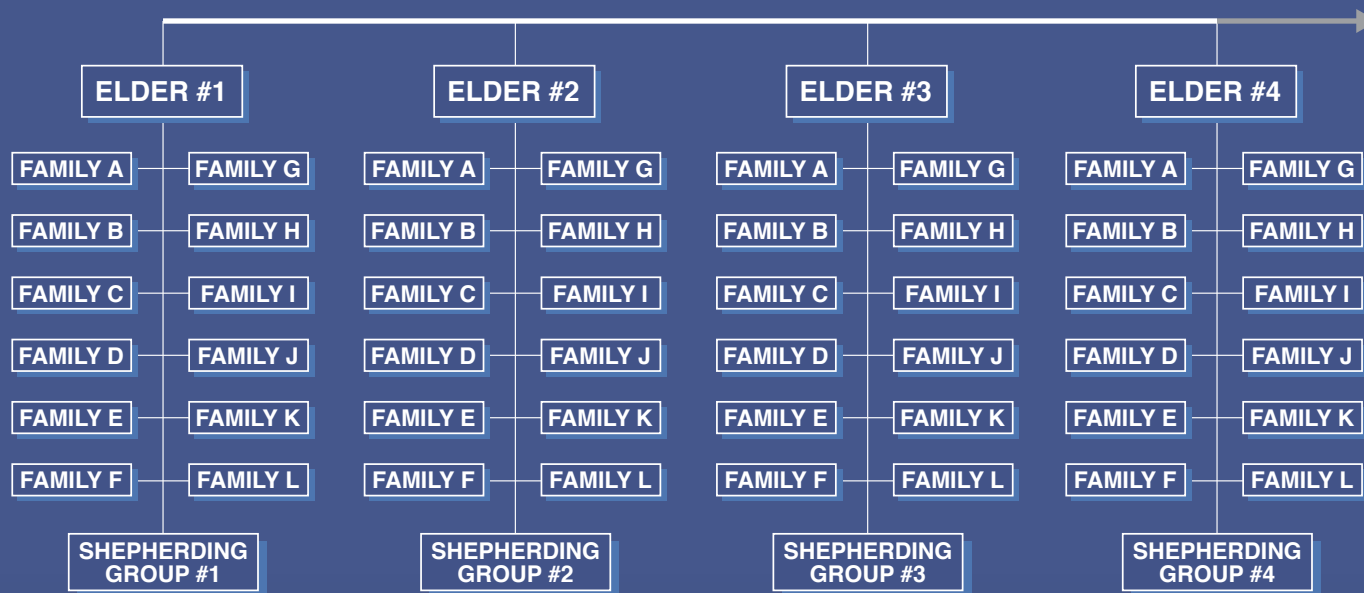
CHURCH LEADERSHIP STRUCTURE



STRUCTURE IN LOCAL CHURCH CONDUCTIVE FOR TEACHING-LEARNING PROCESS



ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE CONDUCTIVE FOR TEACHING-LEARNING PROCESS



ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE CONDUCTIVE FOR PROPER FUNCTIONING OF THE CHURCH

