

"A BIBLICAL VIEW OF THE CHURCH"

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Having a biblical view of the church means the leadership intentionally structures the church to reflect what the Bible teaches it should be.

KEY ELEMENTS OF JESUS' BIBLICAL PATTERN FOR CHURCH LIFE:

A. We must understand the PURPOSE of the church.

B. We must ordain the RIGHT LEADERSHIP for the church.

C. We must follow the _____ for the church.

Ephesians 4:11-13—"So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, ¹² to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up ¹³ until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.

FLESHING THE STRATEGY OUT FOR OUR CHURCH:

1. We believe every member is a _____.

I Peter 2:9 (Emp. Added) —“But you are a chosen people, a **ROYAL PRIESTHOOD**, a holy nation, God’s special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.”

2. We believe God has _____ every minister to be successful in their given ministry.

I Peter 4:10-11 (Emp. Added) —“Each of you should use whatever **GIFT** you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God’s grace in its various forms.”

I Corinthians 12:1 (ESV—Emp. Added) - “Now concerning **SPIRITUAL GIFTS**, brothers, I do not want you to be **UNINFORMED.**”

3. We believe every Christian should _____ to the ministry of the Church.

4. We believe every Christian will be _____ for what they did or didn’t do with the gift they were given.

Reference: Matthew 25:14-30, 31-46