



Church Polity in the Book of Acts

Acts 1:1-26; 6:1-7

4/21/19 PM

THE CHURCH CHOOSING SPIRITUAL LEADERSHIP

Introduction:

I. THE CHURCH'S PLAY-BOOK

A. The Manual (Acts 1:1-5)

- author
- audience
- actors

B. The Mission (Acts 1:6-11)

- Jerusalem
- Judea and Samaria
- Uttermost Parts

C. The Men (Ephesians 4:11-13)

- apostles
- prophets
- evangelists
- pastor-teachers

II. THE CHURCH'S PRELIMINARY LEADERSHIP

A. The Apostles (Acts 1:12-26)

- their calling
- their choosing
- their commissioning

B. The Servants (Acts 6:1-7)

- the cause (vs. 1-2)
- the choice (vs. 3-4)
- the charge (vs. 5-6)
- the consequences (vs. 7)

C. The Teams (Acts 13:1-4a)

- plurality and diversity (vs. 1)
- ability and availability (vs. 2)
- flexibility and sustainability (vs. 3-4a)

III. THE CHURCH'S PATTERN FOR LEADERSHIP

A. Elders/Bishops/Pastors (I Timothy 3:1-7)

B. Deacons (I Timothy 3:8-13)

C. Women (Titus 2:3-5)

Conclusion:

Sermon Series: **CHURCH POLITY IN THE BOOK OF ACTS**

- 4/21 The Church Choosing Spiritual Leadership (Acts 1:1-26; 6:1-7)
- 4/28 The Church Working Together (Acts 2:42-45)
- 5/05 The Church in Fellowship Together (Acts 4:23-37)
- 5/12 The Church Exercising Discipline (Acts 5:1-11)
- 5/19 The Outreach Ministry of the Church (Acts 8:1-8)
- 5/26 The Church and Its Demographics (Acts 10; 11:19; 15)
- 6/02 Special Speaker: Jim Cornell (Pastor Randy in Togo)
- 6/09 Missionary Speaker: David Sommers (ABWE, Indonesia)
- 6/16 The Church Dealing with Growth (Acts 11:19-30)
- 6/23 The Church and Its Missions Outreach (Acts 13:1-12)
- 6/30 The Church Planting Other Churches (Acts 14:21-28)
- 7/07 The Church and Doctrinal Issues (Acts 15:1-35)
- 7/14 The Church Handling Disagreements (Acts 15:36-41)
- 7/21 The Church and Team Ministry (Acts 16:1-15)
- 7/28 Special Speaker: Joshua Akakpo (summer intern)
- 8/04 Missionary Speaker: Rich Brown (ABWE, Spain)
- 8/11 What Makes for a Noble Church? (Acts 17 & 18)
- 8/18 The Role and Responsibility of the Elders (Acts 20:25-38)