

no-one named as being a shepherd or pastor except Jesus. Who is the great Shepherd of the sheep? *Heb 13:20*. _____
What does He do for His sheep? *Jn 10:11* _____

How do His sheep know the way to follow Him? *Jn 10:27* _____

What does He give to His sheep? *Jn 10:28* _____

Whose responsibility is it to shepherd the flock of God? *1Pet 5:1,2* _____

Write down 5 things that shepherds do for their flock. *Ezk 34:2-8* _____

Who actually owns the flock? *1Pet 5:2-4* _____

What price did He pay for the flock? *Ac 20:28* _____

Who appoints the shepherds for God's flock? *Ac 20:28* _____

THE MINISTRY OF THE TEACHER

What was a main part of Jesus' earthly ministry? *Mat 7:28,29* _____

What method did Jesus often use in His teaching? *Mat 13:34* _____

Why do you think Jesus used this method? _____

How did Jesus decide what to teach and say? *Jn 8:26* _____

What ministry gifts were there among the leaders of the Church in Antioch? *Ac 13:1* _____

In fulfilling the great commission from Jesus, what does He want us to teach? *Mat 28:20* _____

When a person becomes an elder, what teaching responsibility is he given? *1Tim 3:2*. _____

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CHRISTIAN LIFE BIBLE COURSE

Study Twenty-three: Ministries in the Church

Although it is true that every Christian has a ministry to contribute in the life and fellowship of the Church, there is a special sense in which God has placed leadership ministries in the Church.

THE "ASCENSION GIFT MINISTRIES"

Read *Eph 4:8-15*. We call these ministries the "Ascension Gift Ministries". They are the gift of the Lord Jesus Christ to His Church. Jesus bestowed these "gifts" as a direct result of His ascension to Heaven.

Write the 5 ministries here: _____, _____

_____, _____, _____

Put into your own words the purpose of these 5 ministries, *v12-15*. _____

1. Are **all** these ministries for today? *v13* _____

Give the reason for your answer: _____

THE MINISTRY OF THE APOSTLE

The word "apostle" means **one who is sent forth with a special commission**. Although the twelve apostles are unique in that they are witnesses of the Resurrection, the New Testament mentions 23 apostles in all.

Jesus was the **great Apostle**, *Heb 3:1,2*, **the chief foundation stone**, *Eph 2:20*, **the head of the Church**, *Eph 1:22*.

Apostles, with prophets, are the **foundation** ministries of the Church, *Eph 2:20*.

SIGNS OF APOSTLESHIP:

Read the following verses and where necessary write down the appropriate sign of apostleship.

1. *Ac 13:4* _____
2. *1Cor 3:6,10* _____
3. *Ac 2:42* _____
4. *2Cor 12:12; Ac 15:12* _____
5. *Ac 5:1-11; 13:8-12* _____
6. *Phil 2:19,25,28* _____
7. *2Tim 1:6; Ac 8:17; 6:6* _____

While the apostle may reside in one local Church for a great length of time, his ministry is to the Body of Christ at large.

THE MINISTRY OF THE PROPHET

This ministry is referred to as that of a “seer” in the Old Testament, *1Sam 9:9,10*. The word “prophet” means one who speaks forth and describes another “foundational ministry” in the Church, *Eph 2:20*.

An important distinction: The “gift of prophecy” of *1Cor 12:10* ought not to be confused with the ministry of the prophet. All may prophesy, *1Cor 14:31*, but not all are prophets, *1Cor 12:29*.

The person operating a **gift of prophecy** receives the gift when needed; the **prophet** has received an enduring commission.

To whom does the Holy Spirit reveal God’s plans? *Eph 3:5*.

Where did Agabus come from and what did he say? *Ac 11:27,28*.

How did the Church respond to his prophecy? *Ac 11:29,30*.

Personal directive prophecy should **confirm** the convictions of the person being spoken to rather than be “news”. If it is “news”, then the person being spoken to, needs to seek the Lord to hear from God themselves, as well.

THE MINISTRY OF THE EVANGELIST

The word “evangelist” means **one who announces good news**.

Who is the only evangelist named in the New Testament? *Ac 21:8*.

Timothy was an apostle, but what did Paul tell him to do? *2Tim 4:5*.

What was Philip before he became an evangelist? *Ac 6:1-6*.

What does God look for in us, before He gives us greater responsibility in His service? *Lk 16:10*. _____

How would you describe Philip’s ministry in *Ac 8:5-8*? _____

How would you describe Philip’s ministry in *Ac 8:26-38*

What signs accompany the evangelist’s ministry? *Ac 8:6,7* _____

Eph 4:11-13 shows us that the evangelist’s ministry, as well as the others, was given for the purpose of maturing the saints to do the work of the ministry and promoting unity in the Body of Christ. He not only brings people to Christ but shares the responsibility of bringing them to maturity.

THE MINISTRY OF THE PASTOR

The word for “pastor,” “poimen,” is found in the New Testament 16 times. Only once is it translated “pastor”, *Eph 4:11*, elsewhere it is translated “shepherd” as in *Heb 13:20*. In the New Testament, there is