

# **The Priority of Plural Pastors**

Acts 14:19-23

A plurality of elders perseveres to  
proclaim the gospel so that  
disciples are made and churches  
planted.

# 1. Persevering with Disciples



Paul was not resurrected here;  
they supposed that he was dead.

Disciples move quickly to care for others.

## Acts 16:1–2

[1] Paul came also to Derbe and to Lystra. A disciple was there, named Timothy, the son of a Jewish woman who was a believer, but his father was a Greek. [2] He was well spoken of by the brothers at Lystra and Iconium.

## 2 Timothy 3:10–12

[10] You, however, have followed my teaching, my conduct, my aim in life, my faith, my patience, my love, my steadfastness, [11] my persecutions and sufferings that happened to me at Antioch, at Iconium, and at Lystra

## 2 Timothy 3:10–12

—which persecutions I endured; yet from them all the Lord rescued me.

[12] Indeed, all who desire to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted.

We are committed to making  
disciples here at our church.



1. Persevering  
with Disciples

2. The Priority of  
Making Disciples

By disciples we mean: a devoted  
follower of Jesus.

Elders not only equip the saints to  
make disciples, but they  
strengthen the disciples.



Elders encourage saints to  
continue in the faith.

## 1 John 2:24-25

[24] Let what you heard from the beginning abide in you. If what you heard from the beginning abides in you, then you too will abide in the Son and in the Father. [25] And this is the promise that he made to us—eternal life.



Faith in Christ is a continuing  
faith.



1. Persevering  
with Disciples

2. The Priority of  
Making Disciples

3. The Plurality  
of Elders

Paul (missionary) went to  
proclaim the gospel, make  
disciples, and plant churches.

Paul appoints plural elders for every singular town. Each town had a church, and that church was planted with a plurality of elders.

## Titus 1:5

This is why I left you in Crete, so that you might put what remained into order, and appoint elders in every town as I directed you.

When another elder visits you at home and in the hospital, then your pastor has come to visit you.

Elders' singular devotion and focus is shepherding this flock.

The next elders for Rainbow  
Forest are right here in our midst.



# Walking Points:

1. Gather around those that are hurting.



## Walking Points:

2. Be active in making disciples. Here and around the globe.



## Walking Points:

3. Think actively about why the Lord provides a plurality of elders instead of just one.