

Philosophy of Ministry Part 1: The Ministers

It is critical to have a clear vision of what biblical ministry is and how it functions. Before outlining anything regarding the function of ministry, it is necessary to identify the ones who are to do ministry.

- What does Matthew 16:18 tell us about the Church?
 - What confidence can we have as a result?
 - What implications does this have on ministry?
- What does Ephesians 5:32 tell us about the Church?
 - What illustration is used to communicate the truth to be conveyed?
 - What is the relationship of Jesus to His Church (v. 23)?
 - What is the role of the Church toward Christ (v. 24)?
 - What did Christ do for the Church and why (vv. 25-27)? What impact did it have? Why is this important? Does your church reflect this truth?
- What does 1 Peter 2:9 tell us about the Church?
 - How is the Church presented?
 - What are they to do? How does holiness relate to ministry?
 - What further information is found in verse 5 (cf. Revelation 1:6)?
- What does Romans 12:4 tell us about the Church?
 - What word picture is used? How do the members differ?
 - What do verses 5 and 6 add to our understanding?
 - How about 1 Corinthians 12:12ff? In particular, how can we apply verse 19?