



## Group Discussion and Application

- To what do you attribute the shift in pastoral responsibilities (from pastor-teacher to CEO-manager) in today's church?  
What is the result of this shift?
- Why is there such a dearth of solid Biblical preaching/teaching in many churches today?
- What must a *pastor-teacher* do to maintain the priority of teaching God's Word?  
What must a *congregation* do to insure its pastor maintains this priority?
- What are some practical aspects of shepherding?
- Explain why shepherding and teaching are so closely linked.  
What happens when these are separated in pastoral practice?
- What can a church do to insure that its leaders are committed to shepherding and instructing the flock?
- In practical terms, what is "*the work of ministry/service*" (v.12)?
- How does the Word of God equip you for your ministry?
- How have the pastoral leaders (elders) of Grace Fellowship contributed to your equipping and growth as a believer?  
What would further your growth and equipping for ministry?



## Personal Reflection and Response

- What is your particular work of service to the body of Christ?
- How might you be further equipped to minister?
- Commit to pray specifically and by name for the leaders of Grace Fellowship.



## Family Homework

- Name the pastoral leaders (elders) of Grace Fellowship?
- What do you appreciate about their ministry to the congregation?
- Pray by name for your church leaders this week.



# The Purpose of Pastors

Ephesians 4:11-12

*Paul describes the role of pastoral leaders in the Church.*

### 1

The Place of Pastoral Leaders.

### 2

The Purpose of Pastoral Leaders

### 3

The Product of Pastoral Leaders