

## Acts Part 28:

Church	Market Place
Evangelize	Tell people about your product
Make disciples	Make disciples
Appoint elders	Establish staff
Gather and encourage	Encourage your team
Spend time together	Spend time together

### Plant the Church

- Same Church
- Different expressions (just like humans, food, tv shows, ideologies, etc.)

### **Acts 14:21-28**

21 After they had preached the gospel in that town and made many disciples, they returned to Lystra, to Iconium, and to Antioch,

#### I. Evangelize (v.21)

- Evangelism ALWAYS leads to discipleship

### **Ephesians 4:11-12**

And he himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, 12 to equip the saints for the work of ministry, to build up the body of Christ

- Evangelism as a word only found in two other verses (2nd Timothy 4:5, Acts 21:8)
- It means bringer of good tidings. Bringer of the Gospel
- Apostles and Prophets as they were found in the OT, are not present anymore. Men can be apostolic, and men and women prophetic, but not by title. This transitioned into Pastors and Teachers
- Therefore, Pastors and Teachers must be...evangelists.
- Evangelism is not an entity by itself
- The purpose of evangelism is to prepare people's hearts for a different life, a different mindset. This is where discipleship comes in!

**EVANGELISM IS A CALLING TO THE  
UNREGENERATE BY A HOLY GOD TO REPENT  
AND BE SAVED. DISCIPLESHIP IS A CALLING TO  
THE NEWLY REGENERATED TO CONTINUE  
REPENTANCE AND BE CHANGED FOREVER**

- Evangelism is what? A calling to be saved!
- Discipleship is what? A calling to change.

What does evangelism look like?

1. Talking about Jesus to your neighbor
2. Local outreach
3. Prison ministry
4. Gym convos
5. Workplace convos
6. Kid convos
7. Server convos
8. Etc.

II. Disciple (v.21)

- Evangelism works hand in hand ALWAYS with discipleship. ALWAYS.
- Never separate:
  - 1) Only bible study with the body of christ (going deeper)
  - 2) Only evangelism with non-believers (saving souls)

**THE REAL CHURCH EVANGELIZES ALL THE TIME  
TO DRAW PEOPLE INTO DISCIPLESHIP  
LIFESTYLE/COMMUNITY**

What does Discipleship look like?

1. Intentional small group bible study (Discipleship groups)
2. Precept application to real life situations (Because the Bible says this, we respond this way. Under the authority of Christ!)
3. Accountability

**Ephesians 4:25**

Therefore, putting away lying, speak the truth, each one to his neighbor, because we are members of one another.

22 strengthening the disciples by encouraging them to continue in the faith and by telling them, "It is necessary to go through many hardships to enter the kingdom of God." 23 When they had appointed elders for them in every church and prayed with fasting, they committed them to the Lord in whom they had believed.

### III. Appoint Elders (v.23)

- Elder/Pastors are called to pastor, provide, and protect the church.

### **Acts 20:28**

Be on guard for yourselves and for all the flock of which the Holy Spirit has appointed you as overseers, to shepherd the church of God, which he purchased with his own blood.

#### What does Eldership look like?

1. Preaching/Teaching
2. Discipleship
3. Theological care
4. Discipline/Counsel

24 They passed through Pisidia and came to Pamphylia. 25 After they had spoken the word in Perga, they went down to Attalia. 26 From there they sailed back to Antioch where they had been commended to the grace of God for the work they had now completed. 27 After they arrived and gathered the church together, they reported everything God had done with them and that he had opened the door of faith to the Gentiles.

### IV. Gather the church and encourage (v.27)

- Church with a little c. the local church
- Different expressions (just like humans, food, tv shows, ideologies, etc.)
- You have good food/bad food, good tv/bad tv, good theology/bad theology

### **Hebrews 10:24-25**

And let us consider one another in order to provoke love and good works, 25 not neglecting to gather together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging each other, and all the more as you see the day approaching.

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#### What does the local church do?

1. Preaches the word
2. teaches precept and practicum
3. worships together
4. equips one another
5. disciplines
6. observes sacraments (baptism, Lord's supper, marriage, ordination)

28 And they spent a considerable time with the disciples.

### V. Spend time together (v.28)

- Church needs to be with one another
- We need to hang out more!

### **1st John 1:7-8**

If we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. 8 If we say, "We have no sin," we are deceiving ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

- we walk in fellowship when we are in the light
- community is cleansing (you feel great when you leave DG/CG!)
- Why do we need community? Because we are sinners
- On your way to DG/CG you can say, "I'm going to meet with these people because I am a sinner and I want to walk in the light!"