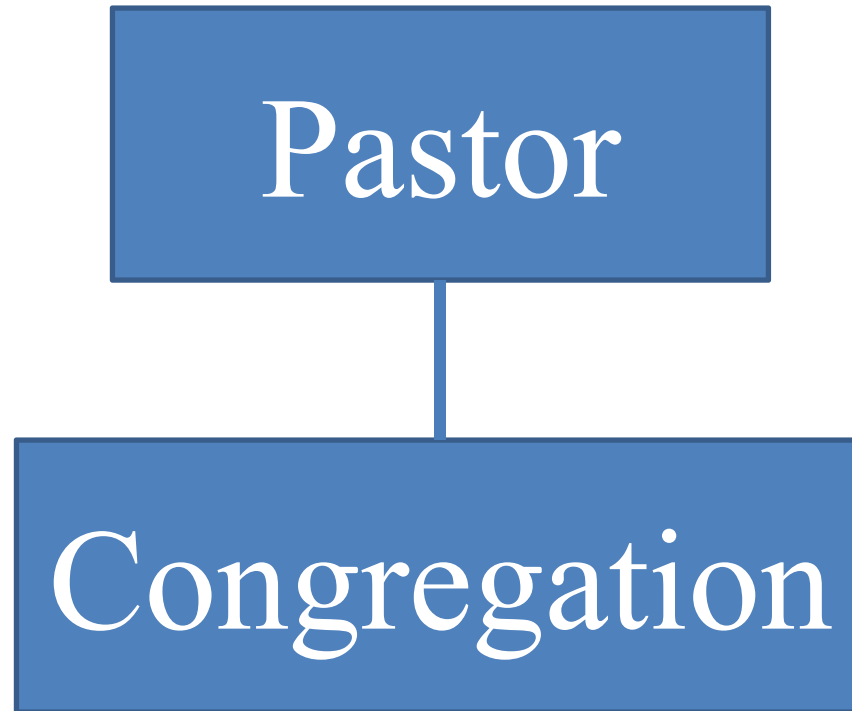


Organizational Diagram of the Biblical Church



Outline of Presentation

- Thesis
- Key Points
- Summary Features of Paul's Pastoral Approach
- Examples in Paul's Ministry for the Imitation by Today's Pastors

Thesis

Pastors **can** and **must** imitate Paul and the Apostles in their practice of shepherding in the local church.

The Command to Imitate Paul

- 1 Corinthians 4:16
- 1 Corinthians 11:1
- **Philippians 4:9**

The Rationale for Moving from General to Specific in Imitation

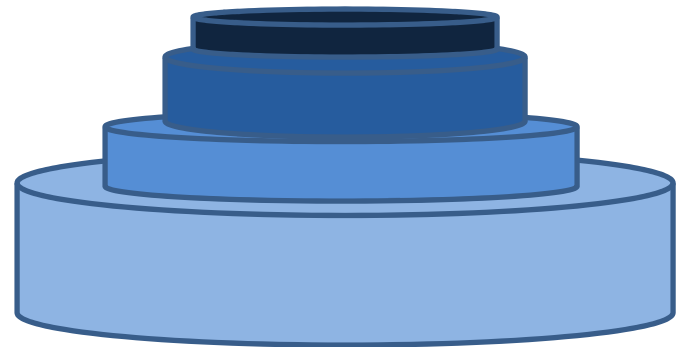
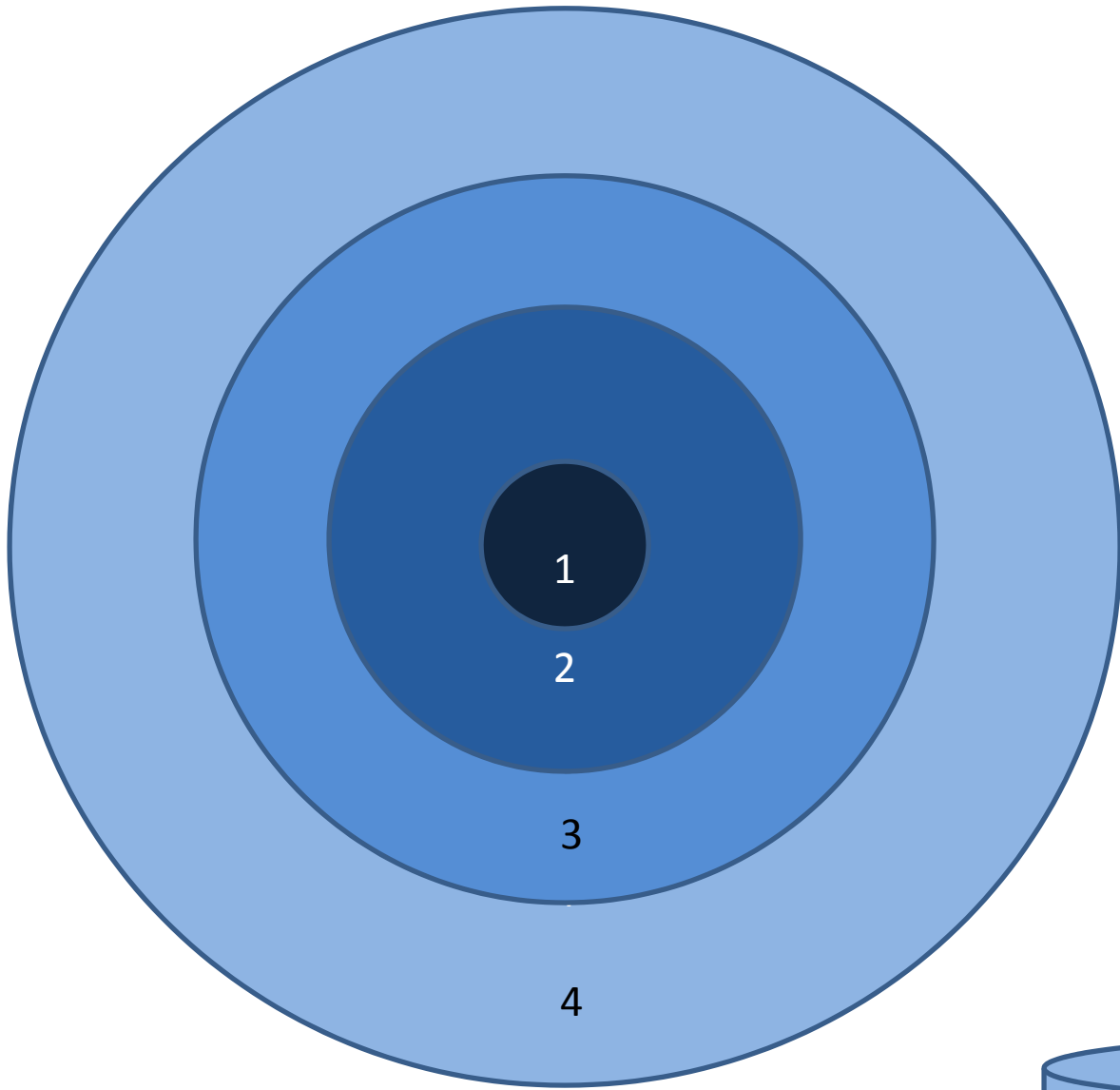
- Jesus as Exemplar in general
 - 1 Corinthians 11:1 again
 - John 13:34-35
- Jesus as Exemplar in specific roles in an established authority structure
 - John 13: Leadership
 - Philippians 2:5-11: “Followership”
- Jesus as Exemplar in the special case of “pastor”
 - John 10
 - Hebrews 13:20
 - 1 Peter 2:25

But We are Neither Jesus Nor Apostles!

- Rubric for Applying the Commands to Imitate in the Local Church
- Special Revelation
- Differentials in Delegated Authority
- Continuation of Apostolic Authority Through Their Writings

The Rubric

- Tier 1: Jesus: Savior, Head of the Church and church, Direct Revelation
- Tier 2: Apostles: Supervisory authority over multiple local churches, Special Revelation
- Tier 3: Elder/Overseer/Pastor: Supervisory Authority Over a Single Local Church
- Tier 4: The Flock of the Local Church: DI #1, 2, 3



The Rubric at Work in the Scriptures

- Acts 20:17-38, esp. v 28
 - Προσέχετε οὖν ἑαυτοῖς καὶ παντὶ τῷ ποιμνίῳ, **Summary Command**
 - ἐν ᾧ **Identity with Flock**
 - ὑμᾶς τὸ πνεῦμα τὸ ἅγιον ἔθετο ἐπισκόπους, **Appointment: Elder**
 - ποιμαίνειν τὴν ἐκκλησίαν τοῦ κυρίου καὶ θεοῦ, **Responsibility: Shepherd**
 - ἦν περιεποιήσατο διὰ τοῦ ἰδίου αἵματος. **Value of the Flock**

Acts 20:28 (Byz)

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- 1 Peter 5:1-4

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The POINT:

TIER 2, Apostles, are delegating supervisory authority that they exercise (shepherding) to Elders, Tier 3, and they suggest themselves as exemplars for that task.

Summary Features of Paul's Pastoral Approach

- Content Delivery
- Personal Engagement
- Command, Appeal Based on Relationship and Shared History, Exhortation
- Correction: Doctrinal Soundness AND Applicational Consistency
- Commendation
- **Corporate Prayer**
- Training the Next Generation
- Priority for Personal Presence with His Flock