

## THE PASTOR

In Jesus, you find abundant life and true belonging, and can leverage the gift in pastors to be known, protected, and empowered to fulfill your God-given potential.

### KEY POINTS

- ❖ A simplistic definition of the five-fold ministry is that Apostles GO, Prophets GUIDE, Evangelists GATHER, Pastors GROW, and Teachers GROUND.
- ❖ Today we're looking at the gift of the pastor, which, according to Peter Wagner, "assume(s) a long-term personal responsibility for the spiritual welfare of a group of believers." This gift integrates with the other four to disciple people and enables the pastor to **GROW** the people of God.

#### The pastor must reflect Jesus to the people.

- ❖ There is only one way to God and that is through Jesus. "Very truly I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep" (John 10:7). "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me" (Jn. 14:6).
- ❖ The entire effort of any pastor is to lift Jesus up and to reflect Him to His people. Jesus is not just one gate to the Father, but the only gate to Him. In His divinity, He is the creator and sustainer of the universe and everything beyond it. In His humanity, He knows intimately what it means to be you, with all your joys, pain, and temptations. That's why it's only in Jesus that we can be reunited into fellowship with the Father. The pastor can't do that, but by committing to and spending time with Jesus, he can reflect that.
- ❖ The heart of a pastor with the pastoral calling is seen in John 10:9-10: "I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved. They will come in and go out, and find pasture. ...I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full."
- ❖ A pastor will lead you to Jesus so that you may live in Him. And as Jesus wants you to have life to the full so, too, does the pastor want you to become fully mature disciples in order for you to become the very best God created you to be. This then becomes more than what you do. It extends to who you are in Christ.
- ❖ Here at Faith Sanctuary, we believe in the dignity of the human being, that everyone is made in the image of God to become the very best they were created to be. This is why Jesus has equipped us with the five-fold ministry, so we might "[attain] to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ" (Ephesians 4:13).

#### The pastor must give his life for the people.

- ❖ "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep" (Jn. 10:11).
- ❖ Jesus quite literally gave His life for His people. Most pastors will not be required to do that in the same way, yet the pastor who has other priorities ahead of the welfare of the people in the church is a pastor without an authentic calling.
- ❖ John 10:12-13 tells us that the lack of fruit is easily discernable in a person who claims to have the spiritual gift of a pastor but is only a hireling. The hireling leaves the sheep exposed because he never really cared about them, but the pastor must give his life for the people.

### KEY SCRIPTURE: John 10:7-16

(all scripture in NIV unless otherwise noted)

#### The Pastor must know, and be known by, his people.

- ❖ John 10:14 speaks of relationship: "I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me" (see also Jn. 14:23).
- ❖ When the Bible talks about God "knowing" you, this is about having a personal relationship. Jesus uses a powerful simile in John 10:15: "...Just as the Father knows me and I know the Father—and I lay down my life for the sheep."
- ❖ When you receive the pastoral anointing from God, you will never see people the same way again because you now recognize His image in them. And when you realize that you're actually dealing with God in others, suddenly their potential—who they can become—is clearly evident to you. Once you've seen that, you can't unsee it.
- ❖ "I have other sheep that are not of this sheep pen. I must bring them also. They too will listen to my voice, and there shall be one flock and one shepherd" (v. 16). This verse speaks to the unlimited capacity of the church. As pastors, we're not looking for goats, we're looking for sheep.
- ❖ That's why we reach outside the current church together, so that the ones God has ordained to be with us will come in. We'll never pull out the tares but allow them to grow with the wheat. But sometimes the tares will separate themselves. Yet in the end our community will grow into a beautiful merging of diverse people, ethnicities, cultures and ages that look and act like heaven. Because Jesus is Lord of all and He wants everyone united in Him, just as He says eternity will be.
- ❖ The main point is for you to thrive and excel in the life God has called you to. Remember, the five-fold ministry is given you so that you might self-actualize and fulfil the potential God has placed in you fully.
- ❖ So, know what is available to you, draw what you need from it and go out to succeed in everything you aspire to. Because when you succeed, the church succeeds.
- ❖ In Jesus, you find abundant life and true belonging, and can leverage the gift in pastors to be known, protected, and empowered to fulfill your God-given potential.

### DISCUSSION/REFLECTION TOOLS

1. Discuss "the heart of a pastor with the pastoral calling" described in John 10:9-10.
2. Jesus describes Himself as the "good shepherd" in John 10:11-16. In what ways does a pastor also model these attributes? How does a sheep come to know the shepherd and vice versa? Provide scriptural support.
3. Take time to pray for Pastor and for those with this gift.

### PRAYER TIME

Lord, reveal the gift You have placed in me and help me to fulfil my God-given potential. Amen.

## WEEK OF SUNDAY, AUGUST 10, 2025

### NOTES

Meditate as you read through/listen to this week's message. If it helps, use symbols for your notes.

✓ (Reminds me/Confirms) 💡 (New idea) 🤔 (Think about)

! (Do this) ❤️ (Speaks to my heart) ➡️ (Must share)

Start-up: What is something people may or may not know about you?

### PRAYER NEEDS/THANKSGIVINGS

Go deeper with your Life Group family.  
CONNECT-REFLECT-DISSECT THE  
WORD

**PRAYER FOCUS: Personal spiritual growth.**  
**24-hour Prayer: Monday, Wednesday – Friday;**  
**Daily Devotions: Tuesday & Thursday @ 6:30 a.m. & 9:00 p.m.;**  
**Departmental Prayer: Every Thursday** (please check schedule)  
**Corporate Prayer: Every Friday @ 7:00 p.m.** (and in person every second Friday @ 9:00 p.m. – 3:00 a.m.), **Saturday** morning from midnight to 3:00 a.m., and **Sunday @ 6:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.**  
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#### **BEREAN BIBLE STUDY**

This is a reminder that in-person Bible Study resumes on Monday, August 11<sup>th</sup>.

#### **FAITH FAMILY BBQ**

Date: August 10<sup>th</sup>

Time: 1:00 p.m. (directly after service)

Place: Faith Sanctuary (back parking lot near the kitchen)  
Contact: Pastor Lucy Peel

#### **ZOOM (CO-)HOSTING TRAINING**

Date: Sunday, August 10<sup>th</sup> @ 4:00 p.m.

Access is via the FS "Departmental Meetings"

Zoom room (link is on the Faith Sanctuary home page - scroll down)

Contact: Bro. Mike Allen

#### **MEN'S EMPOWERMENT CONFERENCE**

Dates: Thursday, August 14<sup>th</sup> to Sunday, August 16<sup>th</sup>

Location: Huyck's Bay, Prince Edward, 858 Bakker Rd. Wellington, ON K0K 3L0

Fee: \$198.36 (includes accommodation and meals; payment can be made online or at the door upon arrival). For more details or to register, please visit [www.ontariomensministry.ca](http://www.ontariomensministry.ca).

#### **PROMO VIDEO**

We're filming a promo video for our upcoming Faith conference, and we want YOU to be a part of it! Come camera-ready and full of energy, and let's show the world what God is doing! For more information, contact Sis. Andrea Peel.

#### **FAITH SANCTUARY WEEKLY SERVICES**

**Sunday Bible Study @ 10:00 a.m.**

**Sunday Worship Service @ 11:00 a.m.**  
(Listen via phone: 1-844-268-4848)

**Monday Berean Bible Study @ 6:30 p.m.**  
(Zoom, Facebook, YouTube)

**Wednesday Bible Study @ 7:30 p.m.**  
(In person and via Zoom)

**Friday Evening Service @ 8:00 p.m.**  
(In person and via Zoom)

**Life Group Meetings – individually scheduled**  
(see ushers for information)

## **FAITH FOUNDATIONS**

### **GOD**

We believe there is only one God: the eternal, holy, loving, all-knowing, all-powerful, omnipresent Spirit, creator of all (Deuteronomy 6:4; 1 Timothy 1:17; Leviticus 19:2; 1 John 4:8; Hebrews 4:13; Revelation 19:6; Jeremiah 23:24; John 4:24; Isaiah 44:24; Colossians 1:16).

### **GOD'S WORD**

We believe the Holy Scriptures—The Bible—is God's true and complete Word to humanity, verified most notably through fulfilled prophecies concerning Jesus Christ (2 Timothy 3:16; 2 Peter 1:20-21; Isaiah 41:21-23, 42:8-9, 46:9-10; Luke 24:25-27; John 17:17).

### **GOD'S CREATION**

We believe all people were created in the image of God for His pleasure, to be His children, His church and His bride, living in eternal love and fellowship with Him (Revelation 4:1; Genesis 1:27; John 1:12-13; Romans 8:16; Ephesians 5:25-32; Revelation 19:7).

### **HUMANITY'S FALL**

We acknowledge that we have all sinned and failed to fulfill God's plan and purpose for our lives, through willful disobedience to the word of God and our own conscience. All sinful acts lead to separation and alienation from God's pure, holy presence, eventually resulting in both physical and spiritual death (Romans 3:23, 6:23a).

### **THE GOSPEL**

We believe that Jesus Christ is the Almighty God, fully divine and fully human (1 Timothy 3:16). He came to Earth and suffered death by crucifixion, willingly substituting Himself for us in receiving God's judgment against sin (Isaiah 53:5). But God raised Him from death (Acts 5:30), and He now offers eternal life to all who will believe in Him (John 3:14-17, 6:29; 2 Corinthians 5:18-21; Romans 6:23b; Ephesians 2:4-9). Faith is sparked within us when we hear the gospel, the "good news" that Jesus died, was buried and rose from the dead for our benefit (Romans 10:14-17; 1 Corinthians 15:1-4).

### **OUR FAITH RESPONSE**

Hearing the gospel is intended to lead us to repentance, a divinely inspired change of heart that causes us to turn away from our sins and turn to God (2 Corinthians 7:9-10; 2 Timothy 2:24-26). Faith and repentance lead us to obey the scriptural command to be baptized in Jesus' name for the forgiveness of our sins and to receive His gift of the Holy Spirit. His Spirit gives us the power to live a righteous, godly life, joyfully sharing the good news of our new life in Christ with others (Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38, 4:12; 1 Peter 1:22-23).

### **CHRIST'S RETURN**

We believe our Lord Jesus Christ will soon return to Earth to receive His people to Himself and establish His righteous, eternal kingdom (John 14:3; Matthew 25:34).

**AUGUST 10, 2025**



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**Pastor:**  
**Rev. Adrian W. Peel**

*"Therefore Jesus said again, 'Very truly I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep... whoever enters through me will be saved. I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me—just as the Father knows me and I know the Father—and I lay down my life for the sheep.'"*

*John 10:7, 9, 14-15:23 (NIV)*

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