

## Know Ecclesiology

Paul had a highly sophisticated, adaptable and flexible ecclesiology with some nonnegotiable fixed points and much freedom. But he knew what he was trying to do as he preached the gospel and formed the new converts into local outposts of the kingdom of God. What we are aiming for as we plant churches will define and determine what we end up with!

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### I. Acts 2:42-47 : the marks of a church

A. Apostles teaching

B. Fellowship

C. Breaking of bread

D. Prayers

E. Powerful presence

F. Fruitful mission

II. Acts 5:1-11 : the church is purified

A. Church purity

B. Church discipline

III. Acts 6:1-7 : the church is structured

A. Practical details are spiritual

B. Prayer

C. Preaching the word

D. Fruitful, impactful mission

IV. Acts 11:19-25 : the church is its members

A. Persecution and difficulty

B. Spontaneous witness of all the members

C. Mission to all