

### III. The Leadership of the Church

#### A. Leadership Positions in the New Testament

1. Apostle – one who was a \_\_\_\_\_ to the resurrection of Jesus Christ and \_\_\_\_\_ upon to spread the Gospel to the world
  - a. Apostle means \_\_\_\_\_ or one who was sent out. In the broadest sense, an apostle is one who delivers a \_\_\_\_\_. Anyone who goes forth with the Gospel is an apostle in this sense of the word.
  - b. The apostles of Jesus Christ were a specifically \_\_\_\_\_ set of witnesses who spoke with the authority of \_\_\_\_\_ to testify of the power of His \_\_\_\_\_ (Acts 1:21-26; 4:33-37; I Cor 15:6-9).
  - c. Grace Community Bible Church does not elect apostles as official positions of the church since we are not \_\_\_\_\_ to the resurrection of Jesus Christ.
2. Elders – Elders are referred to in the NT as elders, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_. Elder is the most common title and pastor the least. The elders govern the church with a special emphasis on preaching and prayer.
  - a. The qualifications of elders are found in \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
  - b. The primary ministries of elders are \_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Word of God (Acts 6:4).
  - c. Elders are restricted to qualified \_\_\_\_\_ at Grace Community Bible Church since they are to be the “husband of one wife” (Titus 1:6) and a woman is not to have \_\_\_\_\_ above a man in the church (I Tim 2:12).
  - d. Grace Community Bible Church elects a \_\_\_\_\_ of elders since the common call was to establish \_\_\_\_\_ elders in each church (Acts 14:23; 20:17; Titus 1:5; I Tim 4:14; I Peter 5:1-2).
3. Deacon – Deacons are to \_\_\_\_\_ the Elders in the \_\_\_\_\_ of the church and the \_\_\_\_\_ for the Saints.
  - a. The qualifications of deacons are found in \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
  - b. Deacons are restricted to \_\_\_\_\_ at Grace Community Bible Church since they are to be “the husband of one wife” (I Tim 3:12) and the Twelve called for the selecting of \_\_\_\_\_ in Acts 6:3.