



26:11: Additional Preachers

Preaching is primarily done by pastors, but not exclusively.

Acts 11:19-21, 1 Peter 4:10

We need and want more preachers.

26:12: The Duty of Membership

Membership is assumed throughout the NT.

Christians are members of Christ's body

1 Corinthians 12:27, cf 1 Cor 12:13

This body has other members; we need each other

1 Corinthians 12:21, 12:25-26

Local churches are distinct and identifiable

1 Corinthians 5:12

Membership is required throughout the NT.

Christians are commanded to minister to one another

Romans 12:10, Romans 12:16, Ephesians 5:19

Leaders have authority over a specific group of Christians

Hebrews 13:17, 1 Thessalonians 5:12-13

Church discipline is conducted by a specific group of Christians

Matthew 18:17, cf 2 Thes 3:6, 14-15; 1 Cor 5:2

What are the privileges of membership?

Next Steps

1. Even if you are not going to be an elder, how could you grow in your ability to study and communicate the Bible?
2. What do we mean that membership is assumed in the New Testament? What do we mean that it is required?
3. How is membership in a church a privilege?