

# *Crossings Community Church*

2005 - 2010

*I will not be negligent to remind you . . . .*

# Where We've Been

Ephesians: October 2005 – June 2006

Seek the Welfare of the City: July 2006 – September 2006

Matthew: September 2006 – February 2008

From Jesus to the Gospels: February 2008 – April 2008

Church Establishment in the Post-Modern Era: Reclaiming 1<sup>st</sup>  
Century Principles: April 2008 – June 2009 (Acts and the Letters)

First Principles: July 2009 – September 2009

The Skillful Life: September 2009 – February 2010

# The Skillful Life

1. Habit of lifelong learning that leads to character development
2. Disciplined in work, hard working, maintains integrity, handles money well, lays foundations for the future
3. Well-ordered home life, excellent wife at the center of the home, lays foundation for future generations
4. Deals wisely with people, controls emotions and words, builds lifelong relationships that continue generationally
5. Lives harmoniously and responsibly in the community and nation in which he works and lives, proper respect for authority at all levels

# First Principles

1. Becoming a Disciple
2. Belonging to the Family of Families
3. Participating in the Mission of the Church
4. Cultivating Habits of the Heart
5. Enjoying Your Relationship
6. Passing on Your Beliefs
7. Envisioning Fruitful Lifework
8. Building for Future Generations

# Ephesians

## 1. Paul's unique calling and the role of the church – 3:8-11, 21

To me, the very least of all saints, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unfathomable riches of Christ, and to bring to light what is the administration of the mystery which for ages has been hidden in God who created all things; so that the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known through the church to the rulers and the authorities in the heavenly places. This was in accordance with the eternal purpose which He carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord . . . . to Him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations forever and ever.

# Ephesians

## 2. Roles in the church and their purpose – 4:11-16

And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, [1] for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ; [2] that we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting, but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head—Christ— from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love.

# From Jesus to the Gospels

1. Timing of the letters, Acts, and the gospels (1<sup>st</sup> century thirds)
2. Didache and Karygma
3. What it means to follow Jesus
  - a. Follow Him into His church by (1) being baptized, (2) becoming established in the teaching (didache), and (3) fully living in community
  - b. You cannot separate Jesus and the Apostles and be following Jesus
4. The gospels and Apostles' teaching are both Jesus' teaching (Acts 1:1-2; John 14:25-26; John 16:12-15)

# Church Establishment Series

## Acts and Paul's Letters

1. Progression of the Apostles' understanding of the gospel and their doctrine
2. Centrality of the local church in all God is doing
  - a. Matthew 16 – “I will build my church”
  - b. Acts traces the building and establishment of the church
  - c. Christ is the head of the church (Colossians 1:18)
  - d. The church is God's revelation in the world today (Eph 3:8-10)
  - e. God is glorified through the church today (Eph 3:21)
  - f. The church is the pillar and support of the truth (1 Timothy 3:14-15)

# Church Establishment Series

## Acts and Paul's Letters

3. Paul's strategy for the progress of the gospel
4. Paul's Spirit-directed plan for the "administration" of the church
  - a. Founded on a pure gospel and accurate doctrine
  - b. Be people whose lives worship God by adorning the gospel
  - c. Be in constant prayer
  - d. Be a family
  - e. Equip the saints for good works
  - f. Unity is essential; fight for it
  - g. Exercise spiritual gifts
  - h. Admonish sin

# Church Establishment Series

## Acts and Paul's Letters

4. Paul's Spirit-directed plan for the "administration" of the church
  - i. Church networks
  - j. Participation in the progress of the gospel
  - k. Seek the welfare of the city
  - l. Appoint leaders in the church to guard the body from the attacks of the enemy and edify the body
  - m. Teach faithful men who will teach others so the administration set forth by Paul will continue in each generation until Christ's return

# Matthew

## 1. Peter's Confession – 16:15-16

He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."

## 2. Jesus' Proclamation – 16:18

I also say to you that you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build My church; and the gates of Hades will not overpower it.

## 3. Great Commission – 28:18-20

[M]ake disciples of all the nations, baptizing them [and] teaching them to observe all that I commanded you

# The Peter Principle

For this reason I will not be negligent to remind you always of these things, though you know and are established in the present truth. Yes, I think it is right, as long as I am in this tent, to stir you up by reminding you, knowing that shortly I must put off my tent, just as our Lord Jesus Christ showed me. Moreover I will be careful to ensure that you always have a reminder of these things after my decease.

2 Peter 1:12-15

# How God Has Moved Us

The Skillful Life: Practical wisdom; character

First Principles: Foundations in Christ

Ephesians: Household; family

From Jesus to the Gospels: Applying the New Testament

Church Establishment in the Post-Modern Era: Reclaiming 1<sup>st</sup>  
Century Principles: Commitment to individual and corporate  
establishment

Matthew: Implications of Jesus' ministry and our calling

Seek the Welfare of the City: Impacting the community