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Ephesians 2:22 (NIV)

“...in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit.

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through Jesus.

Genesis 1:26-28; Matthew 24:14, 28:18-20; Acts 1:8

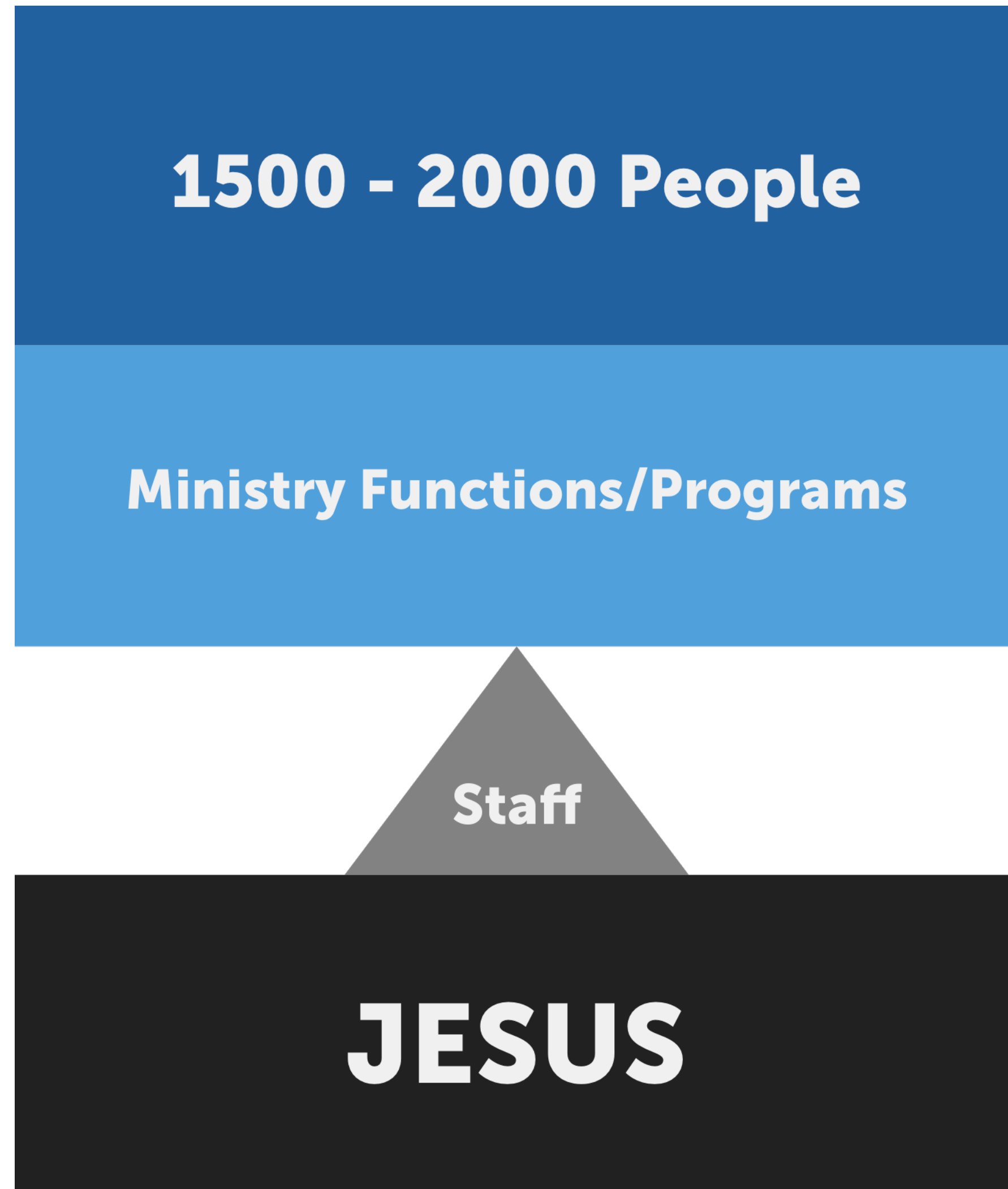
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We have 2 goals:

1. The Church grows to maturity in Christ.
2. The Church moves from the “Pastoral” or “Dependency” model of ministry.



PASTORAL MODEL

Staff Performs Functions to Support People.



BIBLICAL MODEL

Leaders Equip People For the Work of Ministry.

1. What is Fullness in Christ?

2. Why is Fullness in Christ Important?

3. How Do We Attain Fullness in Christ?

**No Clear Call to Jesus' People.
(The Church)**

No Clear Call to Fullness in Jesus.

No Clear Call to Follow Jesus.

1. Who is He?

**2. What am I seeking?
Why would I follow?**

3. What will it cost me?

4. Is it worth it?

JESUS

No Clear Call to Jesus' Mission

Ephesians 1:22-23 (NIV)

²² And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, ²³ which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way.

Ephesians 4:12-13 (NIV)

¹² to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up ¹³ until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.

Fullness

“play-roma”

to be complete, whole, perfect, having all or the
totality of something



“Fullness”

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⁹ About noon the following day as they were on their journey and approaching the city, Peter went up on the roof to pray. ¹⁰ He became hungry and wanted something to eat, and while the meal was being prepared, he fell into a trance. ¹¹ He saw heaven opened and something like a large sheet being let down to earth by its four corners. ¹² It contained all kinds of four-footed animals, as well as reptiles and birds.

¹³ Then a voice told him, “Get up, Peter. Kill and eat.”
¹⁴ “Surely not, Lord!” Peter replied. “I have never eaten anything impure or unclean.”

¹⁵ The voice spoke to him a second time, “Do not call anything impure that God has made clean.”

¹⁶ This happened three times, and immediately the sheet was taken back to heaven.

¹⁷ While Peter was wondering about the meaning of the vision, the men sent by Cornelius found out where Simon’s house was and stopped at the gate. ¹⁸ They called out, asking if Simon who was known as Peter was staying there.

¹⁹ While Peter was still thinking about the vision, the Spirit said to him, “Simon, three men are looking for you. ²⁰ So get up and go downstairs. Do not hesitate to go with them, for I have sent them.”

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²⁸ He said to them: “You are well aware that it is against our law for a Jew to associate with or visit a Gentile. But God has shown me that I should not call anyone impure or unclean. ²⁹ So when I was sent for, I came without raising any objection.

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⁴⁴ While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit came on all who heard the message. ⁴⁵ The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on Gentiles. ⁴⁶ For they heard them speaking in tongues and praising God.

Then Peter said, ⁴⁷ “Surely no one can stand in the way of their being baptized with water. They have received the Holy Spirit just as we have.” ⁴⁸ So he ordered that they be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they asked Peter to stay with them for a few days.

Fullness in relationship

**Peter used his freedom in Christ
to exercise his relationship with Christ
by walking in the presence of Christ.**

Fullness in identity

Peter's imperfection was an opportunity to teach him about his identity.

Fullness in expression

**Peter's fullness of relationship and identity
resulted in expression.**

