

# THE MASTER'S FELLOWSHIP

## PASTORS BOUND BY COMMON AFFECTIONS AND UNCOMMON CONVICTIONS

### PURPOSE

The Master's Fellowship is an association of pastors and missionaries bound together by *love* for the Living Word, The Master, our Lord Jesus, the church for which He died, and the bold proclamation of the exposed written word. The Fellowship's purpose is to support the mission and leadership of the local church by connecting and networking like-minded pastors and missionaries who share core biblical convictions of doctrine and praxis.

### POSITION

The Master's Fellowship will revolve around 8 core commitments of doctrine, conviction and praxis.

#### DOCTRINAL FOUNDATION

##### The Preeminence of Christ

- A. The Deity of Christ
- B. The Exclusivity of Christ
- C. The Lordship of Christ

##### The Preaching of His Word

- A. The Authority and Sufficiency of Scripture
- B. The Sound Interpretation of Scripture
- C. The Bold Exposition of Scripture

##### The Purity of His Gospel

- A. By grace alone (*sola gratia*) through faith alone (*sola fide*)
- B. Based on the substitutionary work of Christ alone (*solus Christus*)
- C. Evidenced by the fruits of repentance

##### The Priority of His Church

- A. One Lord: unity with others based on union with Christ
- B. One Faith: unity grounded in doctrinal truth
- C. One Spirit: unity expressed through the fruit and gifts of the Spirit

#### PRACTICAL FRAMEWORK

##### The Pursuit of Pastoral Faithfulness

- A. Personal Holiness and the Biblical Qualifications
- B. Private Prayer and the Spiritual Disciplines
- C. Ministry Integrity and Mutual Accountability

##### The Practice of Biblical Ministry

- A. Elder Leadership
- B. Biblical Ordinances: Believers' Baptism and Communion
- C. Church Membership and Church Discipline

##### The Progressive Sanctification of Believers

- A. Through the work of the Holy Spirit
- B. Through the ministry of the Word
- C. Through other means of grace (i.e. Communion, fellowship, corporate prayer, etc.)

##### The Preparation of Future Leaders

- A. Discover: Identifying future leaders
- B. Develop: Training them
- C. Deploy: Sending them out

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