

GULF SHORES CHURCH OF CHRIST

The P's in the Pod

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Introduction:

1. Have you ever tried to shell peas before?
2. What would happen if you tried to put the peas back in the pod?
3. In a similar way, that's almost what it takes to create an environment of New Testament Christianity in the church.
4. For centuries people have read the Bible and learned about the great men and women of Scripture.
5. Then, we try to get every element and attempt to replicate it today.
6. And, then, finally after examining our options we try to force ourselves into that mold once again.
7. If our intention is to reproduce an atmosphere of first century Christianity, there are some "P's" that have to be in our pod!

Discussion:

I. We Must Discover Our Purpose
John 4:24, Acts 2:42

II. We Must Discuss Our Possibilities
Psalm 28:19, Acts 16:9-10

III. We Must Determine Our Priorities
Matthew 6:33, Hebrews 5:12

IV. We Must Develop Our Plan
Acts 13:1-3, Acts 15:1-35

V. We Must Delineate Our Projects
Acts 4:43-47, Acts 6:1-7

VI. We Must Delegate Our Personnel
Romans 12:3-8, Ephesians 4:11-16

VII. We Must Define Our Parameters
Matthew 28:18-20, Mark 16:15-16, Acts 1:7-8

Conclusion:

1. The goal of the church is to make a difference in the world.
2. The business of the church to grow and to save souls.
3. How's business? Are we growing? Are we a healthy church?
3. Are you ready to do your part?