



## Pastors as God Intended

Sunday, January 17, 2016

*It was He who gave some to be (pastors)... to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up... attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ. (Eph. 4:11 - 13)*

*It doesn't take many years in this business to realize that we can  
conduct a fairly respectable pastoral ministry without giving  
much more than ceremonial attention to God...*

*But the pastor's responsibility is to keep the community attentive to God.  
(Eugene Peterson)*

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Introduction: Shepherding God's people through the valley of human expectation and divine calling.

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Sermon Outline:

### I. Pastors as Seen by the World

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### II. Pastors as Seen by the Traditional Church

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### III. Pastors as God Intended

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### IV. Implications of Pastors Pursuing What God Intended

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Questions for Reflection / Discussion:

- i. What was your perception or expectation of a pastor's role during your childhood years?
- ii. How has that changed now that you are a more mature believer?
- iii. What element of a pastor's role according to Scripture is most neglected today? Why?
- iv. What needs to occur in the local church for pastors to fulfill their calling and churches theirs?