

Study Guide

Building Blocks of the Church

Chapter 9 – Prophets

Questions for Discussion

1. Was John the Baptist an Old Testament or New Testament Prophet?
2. Discuss Agabus (Acts 11 & 21), his prophecies and whether or not they were fulfilled.
3. Does Agabus set a precedent whereby prophets in the New Testament foretell the future?
4. What is the difference between “ecstatic” and “non-ecstatic” utterance?
5. What does it mean that the spirit of the prophet is subject to the prophet (1Corinthians 14:32)?
6. What is the difference between the “Spirit coming upon” someone (Judges 6:34, 1Samuel 19:23) and the “Spirit dwelling within” someone (John 14:17)?
7. Are there examples in the New Testament when people spoke ecstatically?
8. What is the difference between “foretelling” and “forth telling”?
9. Can it be that some of what passes for modern-day prophecy is simply “christian fortune-telling”?

10. Is it God's will for us to know the future or to walk by faith, one day at a time?
11. Discuss the difference between how prophets are judged (tested) in the Old Testament and the New Testament.
12. Were any Old Testament prophets contributors to the writing of the Bible? Where any New Testament Prophets (other than Jesus) contributors to the writing of the Bible? Why the difference?
13. What is the difference between "revelation" and "plenary" inspiration?
14. If prophets are to be judged (1Corinthina 14:29) does that mean that they can be wrong? If so, how should we receive their messages?
15. What was the purpose of prophecy in the Old Testament and in the New Testament?
16. Describe a New Testament prophet and his ministry.
17. Do you know someone who fits that description?

Additional resources

Articles:

MP3s

1. Prophets (<http://www.antonbosch.com/tapes2006.html>)