

# 10 HELPFUL REDEEMER DEFINITIONS

Different local churches tend to use different language to communicate how they function. We would hate to assume you know what we mean when we use language typical to Redeemer. Hopefully these definitions will begin bringing clarity to why we use the language we do, and what we mean by it.

<p><b>Elders</b> ✱</p> <p>Elders are a group of leaders exercising oversight (Titus 1:9) to a specific local church, being appointed and authorized by Jesus himself; Elders serve the church under the authority of Jesus and in submission to the other appointed Elders, making themselves examples to the church through their whole lives.</p> <p>1 Timothy 3:1-7; Titus 1:5-9</p>	<p><b>Pastor</b> ✱</p> <p>Translated many times as “shepherd”, a gifting given to some Elders for the care and leadership of the local church.</p>  <p>Ephesians 4:11-12; 1 Peter 5:2-4</p>
<p><b>Deacon</b> ✱</p> <p>A minister or lead servant of the church body, providing service to different areas of the church under the direction of the church’s Elders.</p>  <p>Acts 6:1-7; 1 Corinthians 12:4; 1 Timothy 3:9-13</p>	<p><b>Resident</b> ✱</p> <p>A person training to become a deacon/minister, pastor, elder, or overseer of the church.</p> <p>1 Timothy 3:1-13; 1 Timothy 4:8; Titus 2:12</p>
<p><b>Equipping Class</b> #</p> <p>A classroom setting for learning the good news of Jesus through seasonal Redeemer rhythms of Bible studies, book studies, and various topics to give space for the church to grow and mature in Christ.</p> <p>John 13:17; Ephesians 4:11-16; 2 Timothy 3:14-17</p>	<p><b>Bible Study</b> #</p> <p>A church-wide, seasonal study through a single book of the Bible led by leaders and teachers from Redeemer.</p>  <p>2 Timothy 3:14-17; Hebrews 4:12</p>
<p><b>Redeemer Group</b> #</p> <p>Living the good news of Jesus through the weekly Redeemer rhythm of gathering in smaller pockets of the larger church, to give space to know one another and encourage one another to know Jesus more.</p>  <p>John 13:34; Colossians 3:12-17; Hebrews 10:23-25</p>	<p><b>Worship Gathering</b> +</p> <p>The weekly coming together of the local church to sing, pray, learn the Scriptures, be together, baptize new Christians, and remember the good news of Jesus by taking communion together.</p> <p>Acts 2:42; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26</p>
<p><b>Call to Worship</b> +</p> <p>A short encouragement beginning the service to welcome people to come and set their minds toward Jesus.</p> <p>Psalm 150</p>	<p><b>Benediction</b> +</p> <p>A short encouragement ending the service to send people out remembering what we just learned.</p>  <p>1 Thess. 5:23-24</p>