Biblical Church Development

Each church in Acts had these five stages of development

Stage Five: Church Extension

Goals: Sending churches
Sister churches

Scripture: Acts 16:1-5

Stage Four: Church Organization

Goal: Independent churches

Scripture: Acts 14:23

Stage Three: Church Beginnings & Leadership Development

Goal: Spiritual trained leadership

Scripture: Acts 14:22; 1 Timothy 3:1-13; Titus 1:5-9

Stage Two: Group Meetings

Goal: Stable Christians Scripture: Acts 14:21b

Stage One: Initial Contacts

Goal: Evangelism Scripture: Acts 14:21a

As each new stage develops, the previous stages must continue for a church to remain healthy!

	Stage 1		Stage 2	Stage 3	Stage 4	Stage 5
Jerusalem	Acts	2:1-41	2:42-47	3:1-5:42	6:1-8	8:4, 14, 11:22
Antioch	Acts	11:19-21	11:22-25	11:26	13:1	13:2-4
Galatia	Acts	14:21a	14:21b	14:22	14:23	16:1-5
Corinth	Acts	18:1-6	18:7-8	18:9-11	18:12-18a	18:18b-19
Ephesus	Acts	18:24-19:7	19:8-9	19:10	19:11-21	19:22, 20:4