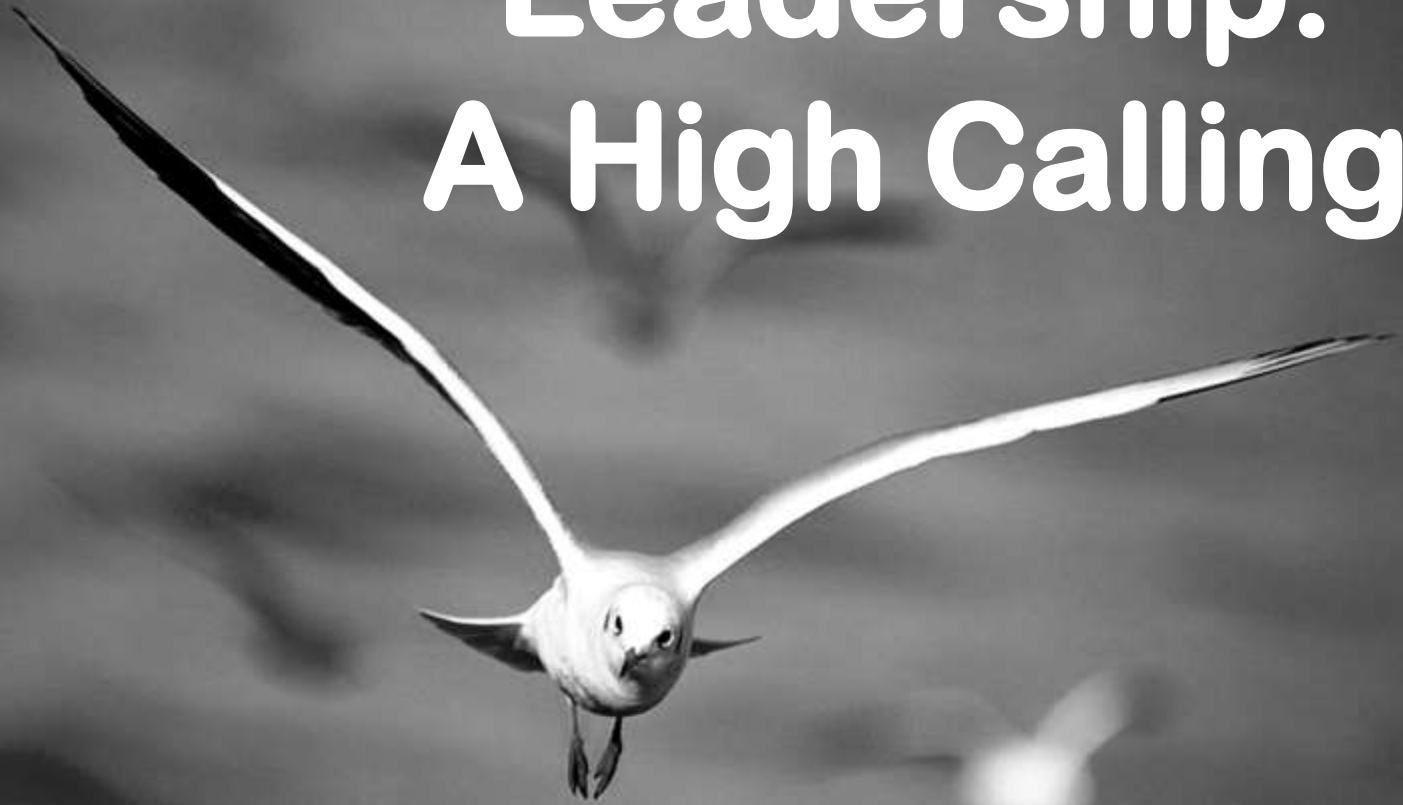


Leadership: A High Calling



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Think of three people in positions of world leadership. How do they differ from what we expect of church leaders? How are they similar?



The Cry for Leaders

- *Families need leaders*
- *Businesses and civic organizations need leaders*
- *Churches and ministries need leaders*



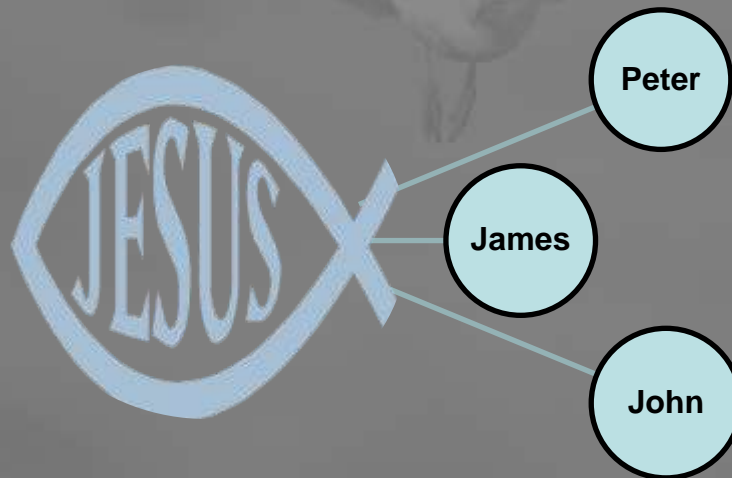
Jesus' Cry for Leaders

- When he saw the crowds, Jesus had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.”

(Matthew 10:36-38)

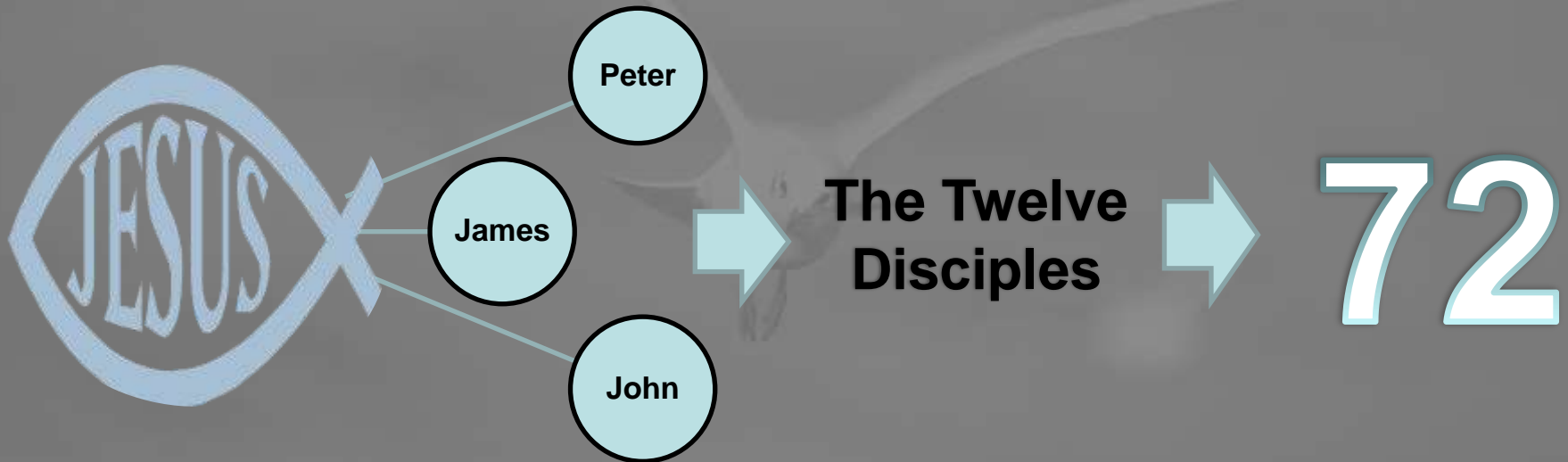
Jesus' Pattern

- “And Jesus went up to the mountain ...and he appointed twelve, that they might be with him, and he might send them out to preach.” (Mark 3:13,14)

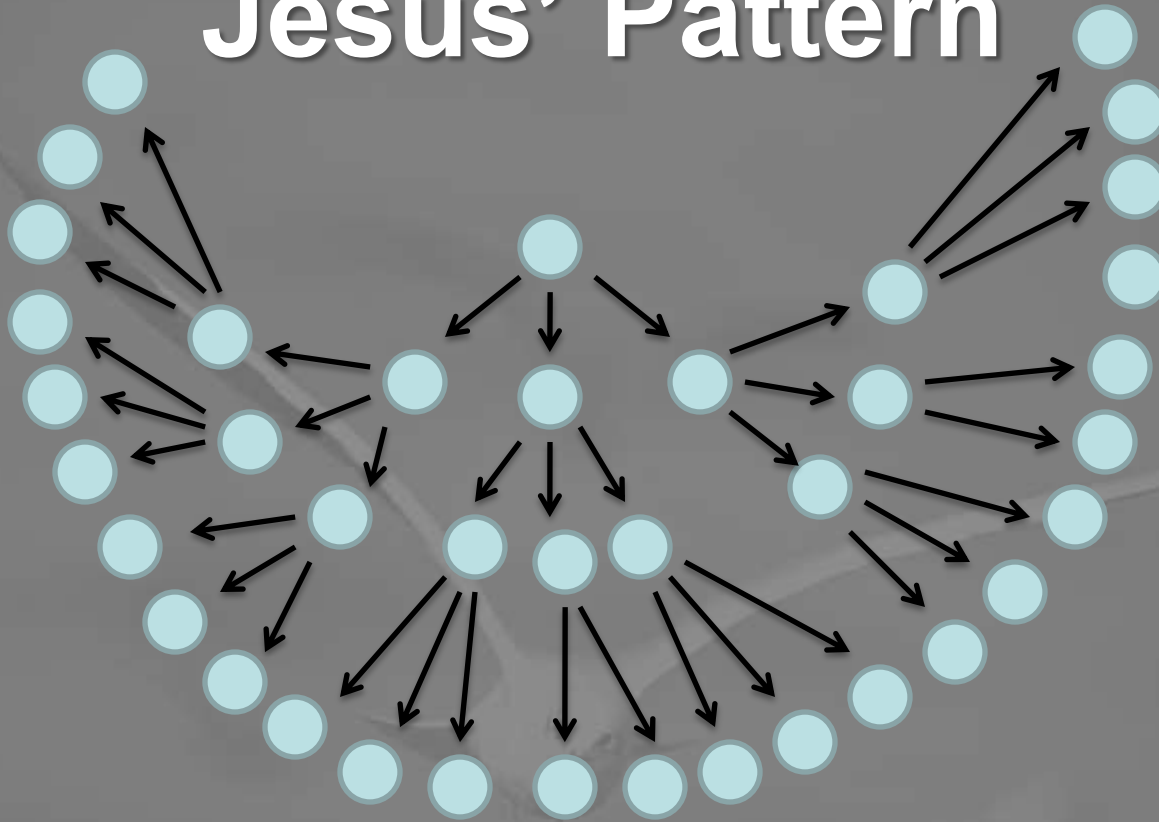


Jesus' Pattern

- ¹Later the Lord chose seventy-two other followers and sent them out two by two to every town and village where he was about to go. ² He said to them: A large crop is in the fields, but there are only a few workers. Ask the Lord in charge of the harvest to send out workers to bring it in. (Luke 10:1-2)



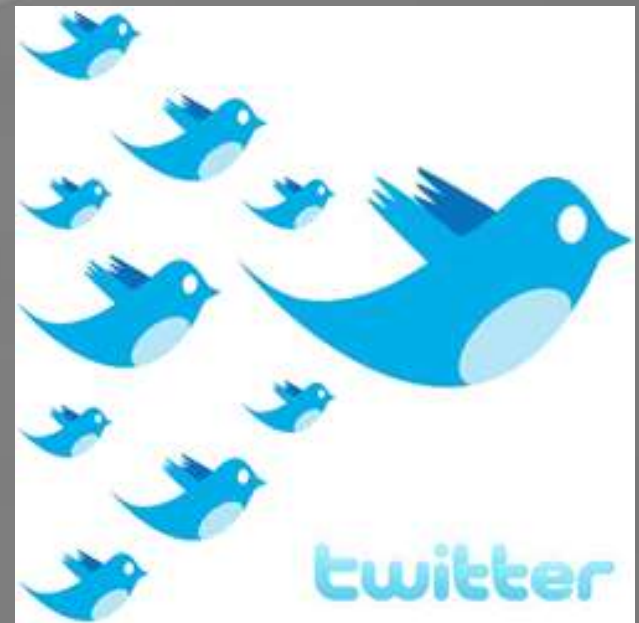
Jesus' Pattern



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Leadership: A Definition

- Leadership is influence. Nothing more; nothing less.
- Leadership is the ability to obtain followers.



A Christian Leader

- A Christian leader is a person with a God-given capacity and the God-given responsibility to influence a specific group of God's people toward God's purpose for the group.

God-given Vision

- **Acts 10 – Peter’s Vision**
- While Peter was still thinking about the vision, the Spirit said to him, “Simon, three men are looking for you. So get up and go downstairs. Do not hesitate to go with them, for I have sent them.” (19-20)

Sounding a Clear Call

“... if the trumpet does not sound a clear call, who will get ready for battle?”

(1 Corinthians 14:8)



Godly Servant Heart



- “Jesus ... wrapped a towel around his waist ... and began to wash his disciples feet, drying them with the towel.”

John 13: 4,5

Godly Servant Heart

- “I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you. I tell you the truth, no servant is greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them.”

(John 13:15-17)

Godly Servant Heart

- “...whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be your slave— just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

(Matthew 20:26-28)

Godly Servant Heart

- Be shepherds of God's flock that is under your care, serving as overseers—not because you must, but because you are willing, as God wants you to be; not greedy for money, but **eager to serve**; not lording it over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock.

(1 Peter 5:1-4)

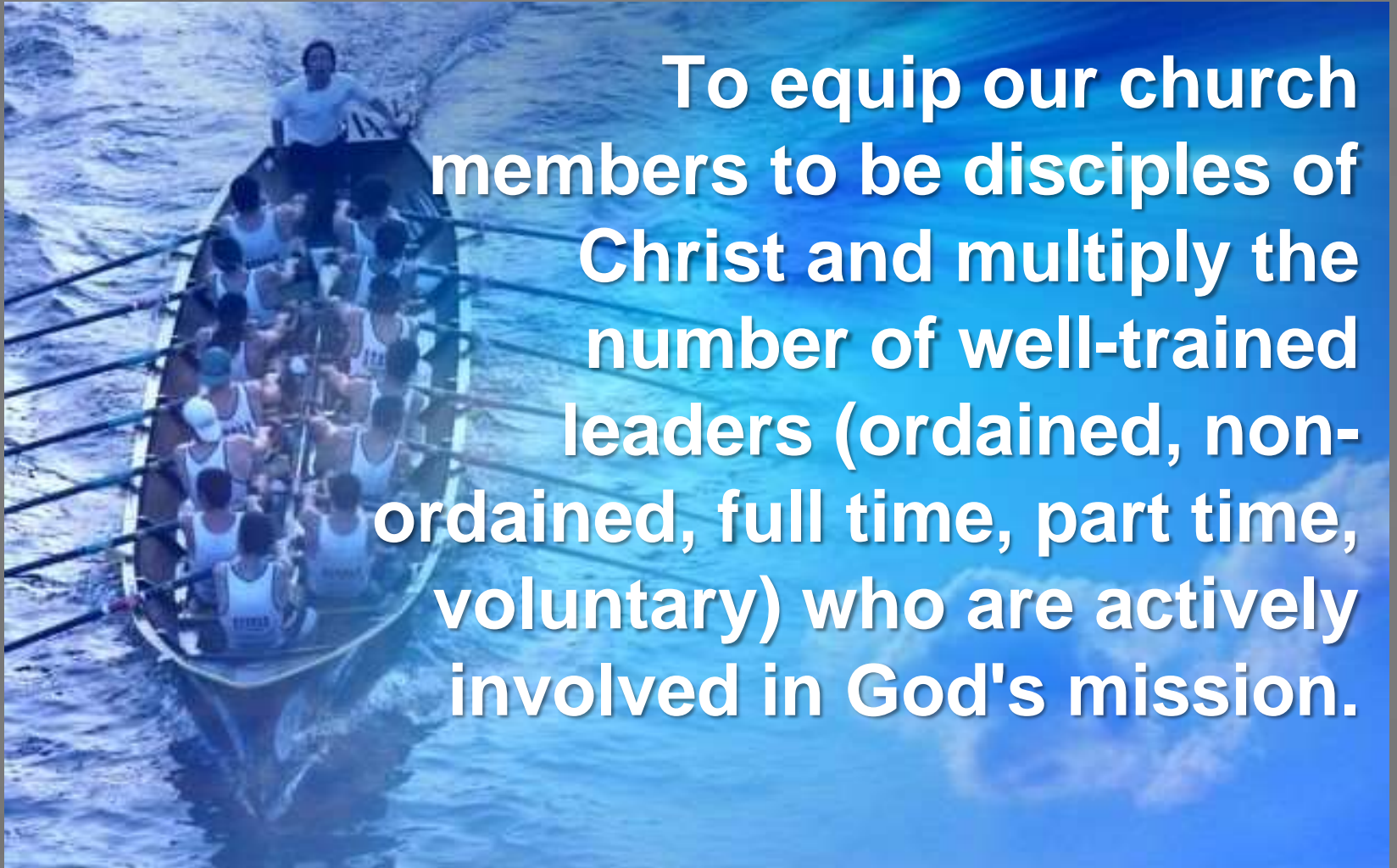
Multiplying Leaders

- The health and vitality of every local church is directly related to the quantity and quality of spiritual leaders in that church.
- As go the leaders, so goes the church.

Leadership & Church Health

- Empowering Leadership – NCD Survey
- Inspiring & Empowering Leadership – NCLS
- Church Leadership – Nine Marks
- Strong Leadership – Kennon Callahan

Leadership & Church Health



To equip our church members to be disciples of Christ and multiply the number of well-trained leaders (ordained, non-ordained, full time, part time, voluntary) who are actively involved in God's mission.

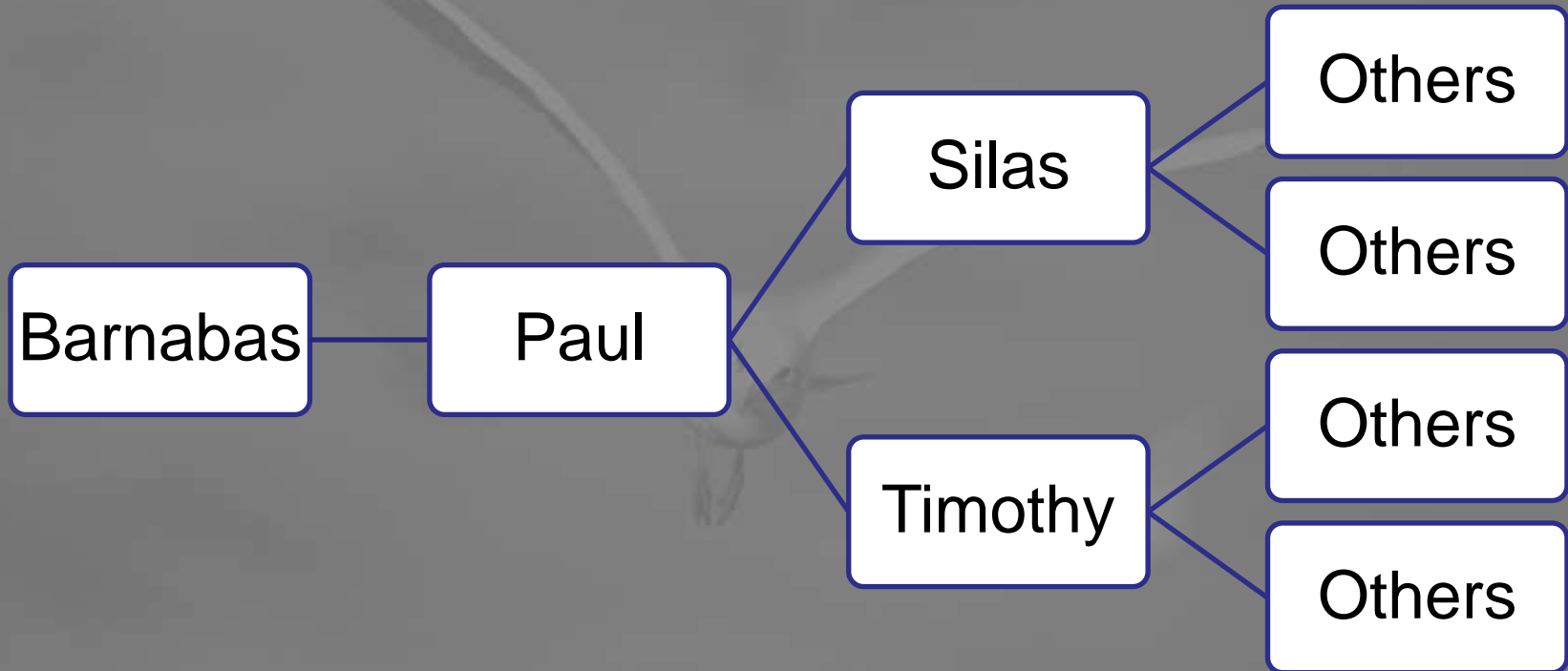
Multiplying Leaders

- It was [God] who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ. (Ephesians 4:11-13)

Multiplying Leaders

- **You then, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable people who will also be qualified to teach others. (2 Timothy 2:1-2)**

Paul's Example



Multiplying Leaders

“Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have.” (1 Peter 3:15)





“So I say to my new associates, ‘Be your own person. Don’t be like everyone else.’”

Multiplying Leaders Through Discipleship

- Creating an echo – catechesis
- “Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me, put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.” (Philippians 4:9)
- “I urge you to imitate me.” (1 Cor. 4:16)
- “Follow my example, as I follow the example of Christ.” (1 Cor. 11:1)

Apprentice Model

Walking alongside a leader
– watching, learning, growing



Four Traits of Biblical Leadership

- **Commitment.** They are clearly committed to Jesus Christ
- **Conviction.** They think “Christianly” about every dimension — money, time, sex, relationships, recreation.



Four Traits of Biblical Leadership

- **Character.** They are known for holiness, self-control (habits), humility, hospitality
- **Competency.** They know Scripture, their spiritual gifts and can demonstrate key ministry skills.

Commitment



- **Knowing Christ**
- You then, my son, ... the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable people who will also be qualified to teach others. (2 Timothy 2:1-2)
- “He must not be a recent convert...”
(1 Timothy 3:6)

Conviction



- **Knowing the Message of Christ**
- He must hold firmly to the trustworthy message as it has been taught, so that he can encourage others by sound doctrine and refute those who oppose it.” (Titus 1:9)

Conviction



- **But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it, and how from infancy you have known the holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.**

(2 Timothy 3:14-15)

The Bible



How to stay on the path (training)

How to get back on the path (correcting)



What the path is (teaching)



Where we have gone off the path (rebuking)

Conviction



- The Three-Person God
- Being made in the image of God
- Sin
- Grace
- Redemption
- Justification
- Sanctification
- The Church
- Spiritual Gifts
- Spiritual Warfare
- Stewardship
- Witnessing

Conviction



- **For the word of God is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart. Nothing in all creation is hidden from God's sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of him to whom we must give account.**



Character

- **1 Timothy 3: 1-13**
- **Titus 1:5-9**



Character: Holiness

- **“As obedient children, do not conform to the evil desires you had when you lived in ignorance. But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; for it is written: “Be holy, because I am holy.” (1 Peter 1:14-15)**



Character: Habits

- Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one gets the prize? Run in such a way as to get the prize. Everyone who competes in the games goes into strict training. They do it to get a crown that will not last; but we do it to get a crown that will last forever.

(1 Corinthians 9:24-26)



Character: Humility

- If you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any fellowship with the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, ²then make my joy complete by ...

(Philippians 2:1-3)



Character: Humility

- ... being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and purpose. ³Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves.

(Philippians 2:1-3)

Character: Hospitality



- “An overseer must be hospitable...”
(1 Timothy 3:2)
- “Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers....” (Hebrews 13:2)
- “Practice hospitality.” (Romans 12:13)
- “Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling.” (1 Peter 4:9)

Competency



- Keep reminding them of these things. Warn them before God against quarrelling about words; it is of no value, and only ruins those who listen. Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a workman who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth.

(2 Timothy 2:14-15)

Competency



- How to study the Bible
- How to pray and lead in prayer
- How to lead someone to Christ
- How to lead a Bible study
- How to discover your spiritual gifts
- How to ...

How To...

Resources

- Leadership Essentials
 - Greg Ogden
- Other resources

