



We Value

Part 5: Empowering Leaders

Texts: Exodus 18:13-24; Ephesians 4:11-13

Supporting: Acts 2:17; 1 Thessalonians 5:12-13; 1 Timothy 4:12

INTRODUCTION: MISSIONAL OR MISGUIDED?

Value 5: Empowering Leaders - We value training and empowering leaders to fulfill their God-given potential.

"Leadership is Influence."
- John C. Maxwell

We empower leaders by...

1. TRAINING UP

Exodus 18:13-24

Training up leaders means that ministry is sustainable.

Training up leaders means teaching them how to use the tools they are given.

The primary way that the church empowers leaders is by training up the people of God to live as the people of God.

2. LIFTING UP

1 Thessalonians 5:12-13

Criticism comes easier than encouragement.

1 Timothy 4:12

"Everyone has a king and a fool in them. Surround yourself with people who see the king in you."
- Unknown

3. LOOKING UP

Ephesians 4:15

Acts 2:17

Leadership in the Body of Christ is a spiritual gift.

Looking up means that we recognize that it is ultimately the Holy Spirit that empowers us for ministry.

CONCLUSION:

Communion

Discussion Questions

WARM UP

1. Are a natural leader? Or a reluctant leader?
2. Discuss the quote by John C. Maxwell; "Leadership is influence." What do you think that means? Do you agree or disagree with him?

DIGGING DEEPER

2. Read Exodus 18:13-24 & Acts 6:1-7. What leadership principles can we learn from these stories? What similarities and differences are in these two accounts?
3. Read 1 Thessalonians 5:12-13 & Romans 13:1-5. What can we learn about how to treat our leaders from these two passages? Is there a difference between how we treat church leadership and other leadership?
4. Read Ephesians 4:11-13. How does the Holy Spirit empower us to do ministry?

APPLICATION

5. Who has God placed in your life that you can positively influence this week?

PRAYER

1. Pray and ask for the Holy Spirit to empower you for the work that he has called you to do. Take a few moments and wait on him.
2. Other requests
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