

Care Training: Module 1

LEADERS (SUMMER 2019)

SESSION 4

1 Peter 5:1-4

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Background of 1 Peter

- ▶ John 21:15-19
- ▶ Peter as "shepherd." >>>>pastor
- ▶ Churches in Asia Minor (1:1) through a difficult season of hardship and suffering (1:6-7, 4:1-6, 12-19).

1 Peter 5:1-4...Suffering

- ▶ Union with Christ by Rankin Wilbourne, p. 253-54
- ▶ 'Pain and suffering were not just something that happened to Jesus. Pain and suffering marked his life. "He was not only continuously afflicted, but his whole life was a perpetual cross." That means the crucifixion isn't just something that happened to Jesus—the crucifixion is who Jesus is. To know Jesus is to know his cross and to carry your own. Apart from carrying the cross, you cannot know this Savior, nor be united to him. The Christ in you is indeed triumphant and victorious, but, again, he is a 'man of sorrows,...acquainted with grief.' Paul didn't just resolve to know Christ. He resolved to know "Christ and him crucified" (1 Cor. 2:2). Is this the Christ you know?'

Triumph and Suffering

- ▶ Our story: Necessity of suffering in faith journey

Shepherding

- ▶ Diffusion of responsibility
- ▶ Ex: Video of Bystander Effect
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KlvGIwLcluw>

Shepherding in suffering

- ▶ Matthew 18:12-13
- ▶ What do you think? If a man has a hundred sheep, and one of them has gone astray, does he not leave the ninety nine on the mountains and go in search of the one that went astray? And if he finds it, truly, I say to you, he rejoices over it more than over the ninety-nine that never went astray.

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Glory

- ▶ 1 Peter 1:11 "inquiring what person or time the Spirit of Christ in them was indicating when he predicted the sufferings of Christ and the subsequent glories."
- ▶ 1 Peter 2:12 "Keep your conduct among the Gentiles honorable, so that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day of visitation."
- ▶ 1 Peter 4:13 "But rejoice insofar as you share Christ's sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed."
- ▶ 1 Peter 5:10 "And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you."

Glory

- ▶ Dialectical interplay between suffering and glory in both the story of Christ and the story of the church
- ▶ What is suffering defined by?
- ▶ What is glory?
- ▶ What is the essential criterion of Christian leadership in all generations and cultures of history?
- ▶ **Hopeful, others-centered cruciformity**

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Willingly

- ▶ Necessity, obligation, duty vs. enthusiastically, voluntarily, with their heart fully in what they do
- ▶ 1 Corinthians 9:15-18 for further reading
- ▶ Passion and calling
- ▶ Read 1 Thessalonians 2:5-8

Not domineering

- ▶ 1 Peter 5:3 and Matthew 20:25 "But Jesus called them to him and said, "You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them..."
- ▶ "Point of departure" between worldly, secular models of leadership among the "Gentiles," and godly, Christ-like models of leadership among "Israel."
- ▶ Persuasion vs. coercion
- ▶ Service vs. dominance
- ▶ Leading by example vs. fiat

Not Domineering

- ▶ The Art of Pastoring: Ministry without all the answers by David Hansen
- ▶ Eberhard Jungel in *God as the Mystery of the World* states that "Jesus is a parable of God."
- ▶ "A parable is a story meant to create a comparison between a known thing and an unknown thing, the purpose being to illuminate the unknown thing so as to bring something new, unforeseen and surprising to the hearer. The story of Jesus is a parable of God because Jesus is a man and can be seen whereas God is spirit and cannot be seen. Jesus' life is the parable of God par excellence."

Not Domineering

- ▶ “There are many similarities between Jesus' life and a pastor's life. Jesus was called. He was anointed with the Holy Spirit. He was tempted. Jesus taught that the consequence of our lives here extends into eternity. He preached, he prayed, he healed and he befriended sinners. Jesus suffered for the world and for the church. We do all these things. By those criteria, my shepherding is an authentic extended metaphor of the Good Shepherd. And as such, my life conveys the surprising presence of the grace of God.”

Domineering Over

- ▶ Playing God: Redeeming the Gift of Power by Andy Crouch
- ▶ Definition:
- ▶ The ability to make something of the world.

Domineering Over

- ▶ Illustration of an hiring manager and an Interviewee
- ▶ What are both experiencing before the interview?
- ▶ What if each were to map the terrain of power?
- ▶ For the hiring manager:
 - ▶ Her own boss, stakeholders, privileged code words that lead to ideas being dismissed or applauded, understanding of the opportunities and threats before the organization
- ▶ What does the hiring manager never see?

Domineering over

- ▶ "Our own power is almost never represented clearly on our map."
- ▶ Ex. Rob, a Retired Executive Director who offered his services as a consultant.
- ▶ "Just because power is not abused does not mean that it is neutral or unimportant."
- ▶ "Unmapped power is also usually wasted power."
- ▶ Why?
- ▶ Ex. The potential power present in every interview, which does not belong to interviewer or interviewee. How about in Rob's case?

Domineering Over

- ▶ 2010 Google “bicycle view” map
- ▶ “Yet whatever features may or may not be marked on any given map, *they are all there at all times*, and all of them may shape the traveler’s experience through a given city or countryside.”

Domineering Over

- ▶ “As with maps of our physical world, so with power. Each of us navigates through our encounters with other people with some features of power strongly marked. A light-skinned American of European descent may hardly notice if she is in a room full of “white” people, whereas another American who is a dark-skinned descendant of Africans will hardly be able to help noticing. For one, light skin color is unmarked; for the other, it is strongly marked, but it is there all the same. The only difference, we might say, is whether it is on the map—whether it is part of our conscious awareness.” (p. 128)

Domineering Over

- ▶ Definition of Privilege:
- ▶ "the ongoing benefits of past successful exercises of power" (p. 150), i.e. cashing royalty checks
- ▶ Privilege is "perfectly indifferent to whether those exercises of power were creative or oppressive, rooted in image bearing or in idolatry and injustice." (p. 153)

Domineering Over

- ▶ Privilege has benefits. It's not always "bad," i.e. invention of indoor plumbing, etc...
- ▶ "If privilege is not bad, it is still dangerous...we can cash in the benefits of privilege for many purposes other than the exercise of true power. The exercise of true power always involves us in risk, and requires creaturely dependence on God and other people. But we can use our privilege to insulate us from risk, and often from God and other people as well," i.e. relying on fluent English, author relying on royalty checks, etc...

Domineering Over

- ▶ Privilege is dangerous because of how easily it becomes invisible.
- ▶ How many times have I been put at the front of the line without even knowing there was a line? How many times have I walked through a door that opened, invisibly and silently, for me, but slammed shut for others? How many times have I cut in a life of privilege?

Domineering Over

- ▶ The definition of status:
- ▶ "where you stand, about your place in line"
- ▶ Wherever there are limited resources that are distributed on the basis of privilege, status is at work.
- ▶ If privilege is neutral and sometimes beneficial, I have come to believe that status is rarely anything but dangerous...the quest for status rarely stays within the bounds of a limited domain. Instead, we begin to chase status itself. And because there will never be enough status, because every move up in the line requires that someone else move back in the line, the quest for status pitches us against our fellow image bearers."

Domineering Over

- ▶ Takes us back to Matthew 20:22-28
- ▶ “There is no point in this story [the Cross] where Jesus gives up power— instead, it is the culmination and demonstration of his power. What Jesus gives up in this story is not power but privilege and status.”

Domineering Over

- ▶ How would you map your terrain of power given your caregiving role within PCC?
- ▶ How would you map the terrain of power of a congregant who seeks your help and counsel?

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Unfading Crown of Glory

- ▶ “If leaders in the church are required to participate more frequently and more intensely in the sufferings of Christ in the here and now, they are also promised a corresponding experience of participating in the *glory* of Christ as a result of their faithfulness.”
- ▶ Reward
- ▶ 1 Cor. 9:15-23; **1 Thess. 2:19-20**; Phil 2:15-18; Phil 4:1
- ▶ What is the reward you seek?

Prayer

- ▶ Power
- ▶ Privilege
- ▶ Status
- ▶ Shepherd

PRACTICE

- ▶ Look and Connect
- ▶ Inquire
- ▶ Show Empathy
- ▶ Test Understanding
- ▶ Evaluate Situation
- ▶ Notice Yourself

Session 4: Role Play

- ▶ 35 year old wondering if she should change her job, wanting to get married but doesn't feel like she has opportunities to meet people, not sure if she should stay in Los Angeles
- ▶ 45 year old who experiences chronic pain, feeling depressed, doesn't want to be burden to husband
- ▶ 28 year old who is unemployed, discouraged because this is not how she imagined life to turn out, not really connecting with people at PCC, came to LA to become an actor
- ▶ A mom who is wondering if there is more beyond the daily grind of work and raising her family. She cannot attend any of the CGs for mothers because she works full-time, and her children are young so she and her husband can rarely go out at night.