



## Leadership Training

**Ecclesiology.** The study of the \*church (Greek, *ekklēsia*) and its theological nature, \*worship and members, including practical matters of church \*polity, \*offices and pastoral care.

Ecclesiology helps us to understand the role of the church and our role in the church. It teaches us about the ordinances of the church, **how church leadership is to be chosen and structured**, and what the church is to be doing in regard to believers (worship and discipleship) and unbelievers (ministry and evangelism).

**A Biblical understanding of Ecclesiology** would go a long way to correct many of the common problems in churches today. Above all, we must understand that the church is the Body of Christ and that each of us has a specific function and role within that body.

### The Challenge.

Un-learning faulty ideas, concepts, and perspectives. Romans 12:2

- The Mile Marker vs The Calendar

#### Hebrews 5:12

*“For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you have need again for someone to teach you the elementary principles of the oracles of God, and you have come to need milk and not solid food.”*

### The Need.

Exodus 18:17–21 “You will surely wear out, both yourself and these people who are with you, for the task is too heavy for you; you cannot do it alone...Furthermore, you shall select out of all the people able men who fear God, men of truth, those who hate dishonest gain; and you shall place *these* over them as leaders of thousands, of hundreds, of fifties and of tens.

Acts 6:1–4 “Therefore, brethren, select from among you seven men of good reputation, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we may put in charge of this task. But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word.”

Luke 10:2 And He was saying to them, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore beseech the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest.”

2 Timothy 2:2 The things which you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses, entrust these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also.

# Vision

- **Growth**

- Acts 2:47 “The Lord was adding to their number day by day those who were being saved.”
- John 15:1–12 “...My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit, and so prove to be My disciples...These things I have spoken to you so that My joy may be in you, and that your joy may be made full...This is My commandment, that you love one another, just as I have loved you.”

## *Growing Pains*

Acts 6:1 Now at this time while the disciples were increasing *in number*, a complaint arose on the part of the Hellenistic *Jews* against the *native* Hebrews, because their widows were being overlooked in the daily serving *of food*.

Matthew 20:9–16 “When those *hired* first came, they thought that they would receive more; but each of them also received a denarius. When they received it, they grumbled at the landowner, <sup>12</sup> saying, ‘These last men have worked *only* one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden and the scorching heat of the day.’ <sup>13</sup> “But he answered and said to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for a denarius?’”

- **Change:** Striving for Excellence.

Genesis 4:2–7 So it came about in the course of time that Cain brought an offering to the Lord of the fruit of the ground. Abel, on his part also brought of the firstlings of his flock and of their fat portions. And the Lord had regard for Abel and for his offering; but for Cain and for his offering He had no regard. So, Cain became very angry and his countenance fell.

Leviticus 22:21 When a man offers a sacrifice of peace offerings to the Lord to fulfill a special vow or for a freewill offering, of the herd or of the flock, it must be perfect to be accepted; there shall be no defect in it.

John 4:23 “But an hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for such people the Father seeks to be His worshipers.”

Matthew 5:13–16 “You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt has become tasteless, how can it be made salty *again*? ...“You are the light of the world...Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven.”

**Salt** = substance

**Light** = Stands out / Attracts one from the darkness

**Good works** = What we do is noticeably worthy to bring God glory.