

A silhouette of a shepherd standing on a grassy hill, holding a staff, with several sheep grazing or resting nearby. The scene is set against a bright sunset or sunrise sky, with the sun low on the horizon. The overall mood is peaceful and contemplative.

INTRO TO
BIBLICAL
LEADERSHIP

Introduction: Class Purpose

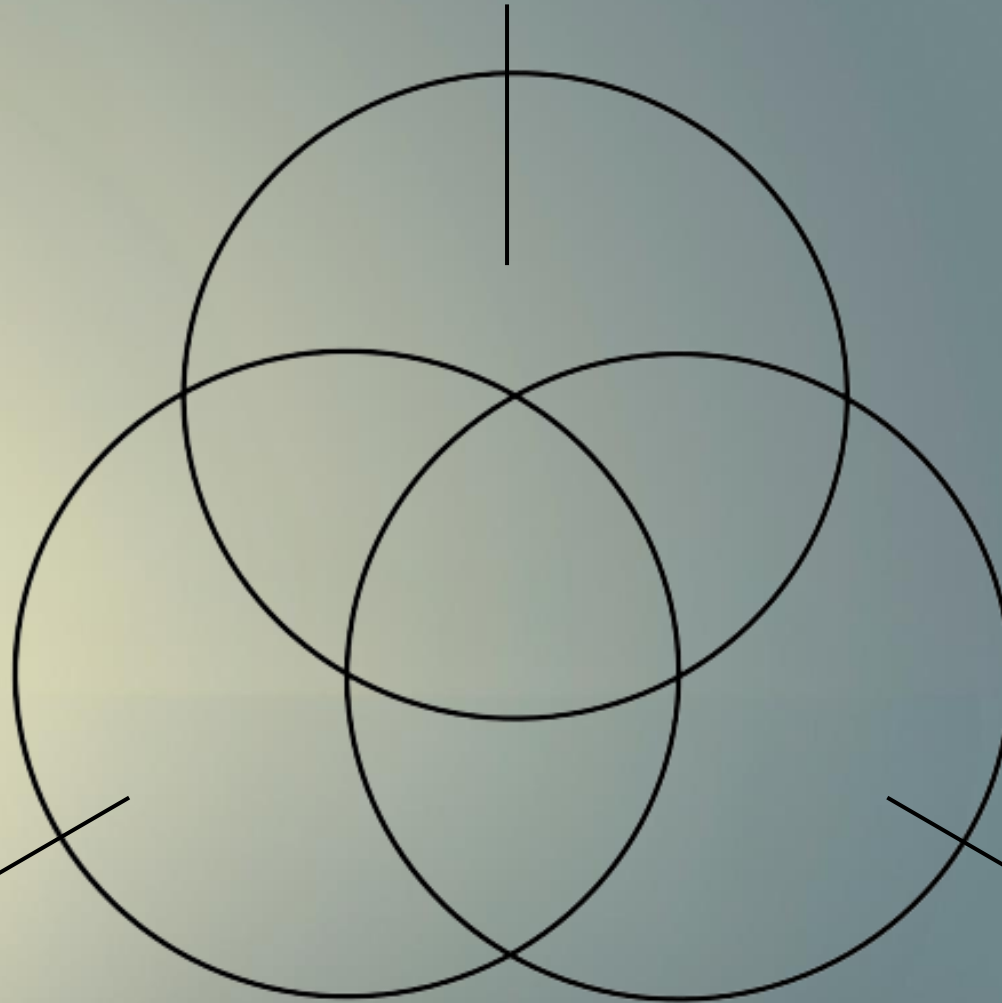
- Do you see yourself as a leader?
- “The long-term health and spiritual vitality of any church is dependent on leadership development.” – Mac Lake –The Multiplication Effect: Building a Leadership Pipeline
- What happens when there are insufficient leaders or leadership breaks down in any organization? Is it different in the church?



FBC Leadership Aim: Servant leadership motivated by love.

- This and future classes will:
 - Encourage every leader to seek a mentor / coach.
 - Encourage believers to develop as leaders living and showing the love that is already theirs as a believer in Jesus. Romans 5:5

KNOWLEDGE



COACHING

EXPERIENCE

FBC Leadership Aim: Servant leadership motivated by love.

- This and future classes will:
 - Consider the core values / theological viewpoints necessary to function as a leader at FBC.

FBC Leadership Values

- Elder led.
- Dispensational free-grace theology.
- Under shepherd mentality instead of authoritarian.
- Complementarian view of marriage.
- Premillennial
- Biblical sexuality
- Leaders who are able to share the gospel and disciple.

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- This and future classes will:

- Encourage leaders to commit to develop their gifts through training and discipleship.
- Consider that God appoints leaders to shepherd and love the flock to maturity. How do you define spiritual maturity?
 - Colossians 1:28; 1 Thessalonians 1:6; 2:8; 2 Timothy 2:2; Ephesians 4:11-16

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- This and future classes will:
 - Consider and develop our Spiritual gifts. Challenge us to be an example for other believers as we walk in the good works that have been prepared for us.
 - Romans 12:4 – 8; 1 Timothy 12 – 16; Ephesians 2:10
 - Let no one look down on your youthfulness, but rather in speech, conduct, love, faith and purity, show yourself an example of those who believe. 13 Until I come, give attention to the public reading of Scripture, to exhortation and teaching. 14 Do not neglect the spiritual gift within you, which was bestowed on you through prophetic utterance with the laying on of hands by the presbytery. 15 Take pains with these things; be absorbed in them, so that your progress will be evident to all. 16 Pay close attention to yourself and to your teaching; persevere in these things, for as you do this you will ensure salvation both for yourself and for those who hear you.

1 Timothy 4:12-16 NASB



Elder, Under Shepherd, Overseer

- What are the qualifications and role of an elder?
 - Qualifications. Titus 1:5-9, 2 Peter 5:1-5
- What is an under shepherd?
- What are our responsibilities as leaders?
 - Tend or shepherd the flock. John 21:15-18
 - Exercise oversight remembering that Jesus is the head of the church. Colossians 1:18; Ephesians 5:23
 - Be an example. 1 Corinthians 11:1; 1 Corinthians 4:16; Philippians 4:9; 1 Thessalonians 1:6
 - Remember that God is sovereign over the church. Matthew 16:18; John 10:28

Counting the Cost of Leadership”

- Why do believers not aspire to leadership roles?
- What are some things that derail a leader?
- When you lead are you using your gifts or personality?
- Leadership is costly!
 - 1 John 3:16; 2 Corinthians 1:8-10; Luke 14:25-33
- Jesus is worth it! Remember His grace!
 - Ephesians 1:4 – 8; 2 Timothy 4:3-8;

Week 3 – Review

- Leadership is toward transformation = made into something new, different than before, intrinsically true and therefore becoming expressed outwardly because it is true inwardly.
- Transformation is based in grace, begins with salvation, appeals to our PIC, rooted in the Word, grounded in the knowledge of God, performed by the Spirit, cultivated within the body of Christ, and results in an overflowing worship of God.
- Therefore we must be growing ourselves in order to lead others toward that same spiritual maturing.

8 Foundations for Spiritual growth

- Grace as the cornerstone
- Gospel/salvation
- Identity in Christ
- View of God
- Ministry of the Spirit
- Word of God
- Participation in body life
- Worship

Grace is the Cornerstone!

- Viewing grace as a foundational cornerstone for the believer's walk is imperative for combating legalistic performance and merit-based ways of thinking and living.
- How we understand Biblical Grace will instruct how we view leadership and how we train ourselves and others to lead.
- Do I understand the admonition to grow in the grace of the Lord?
2 Pet.3:18
- Am I pursuing grace and being taught by it?
I should consider how grace impacts a believer practically, according to Titus 2:11-13.

Week 1 – Homework Review

- At the tables review the Case Study from week 1, answering these questions:
 - How does my understanding of grace impact my thinking about Archie and Maggie's situation?
 - How does my understanding of grace influence my attitude about Archie and Maggie?
 - How does my understanding of grace shape my actions in response to Archie and Maggie?

How do you define grace?

- Grace is the unmerited, abounding provision of the unrestrained operation of God's infinite love through Jesus Christ on behalf of man, especially he who depends upon Him. -Strombeck

Grace: Thinking

- Scripture commands that we grow in grace and knowledge.
 - 2 Peter 3:18 – Grow in the grace and knowledge of the Lord
 - Romans 12:2 - Transformed by the renewing of our mind.
 - Titus 2:11 - 13 - Grace instructs us how to live.
 - Ephesians 4:17-23
 - John 1:14;17 - Jesus full of grace and truth.
 - Eph. 1:6 “to the praise of the glory of His grace”

Grace: Thinking

- Progression of Grace
 - Saved by Grace: Ephesians 2:8–9; Titus 3:4–7
 - Justified by Grace. We stand in grace.: Romans 3:23–24; Romans 5:1–2
 - Strengthened by Grace: 2 Corinthians 12:9; Hebrews 4:16
 - Instructed and changed by Grace: Titus 2:11–14; 2 Peter 3:18
 - Grace secures our eternity. John 14:1 - 3; Ephesians 1:7,10

Grace: Attitude

- How does an understanding of grace impact the life of a believer?
- This attitude of grace needs to become a settled conclusion of our thinking. It needs to permeate everything that we think.

Grace: Actions

- How does a proper understanding of grace change how we lead others?
- Give some examples.
- Thinking – Attitudes – Actions outside the realm of grace.
 - Col. 2:23 “these things indeed have an appearance of wisdom in self-imposed religion, false humility, and neglect of the body, but are of no value against the indulgence of the flesh.”