

Each Believer's Place in the Church - Leveling (chap 5-8) a study for the college and career class at Gulf Coast Baptist Church by Steve Thomas 1/18/26

Introduction

Chapters 5 and 6 are not going to be given a deep dive for this class, for a couple of reasons. First, I don't fully agree with the premise of chapter 5 "The Dangers of Independence". There are several lines in that chapter that I do not think are biblical. I understand the premise, that interdependence is more valuable than independence. And that being independent is what got Adam and Eve in trouble in the garden. Satan does want us to believe that we can be self-sufficient, instead of relying on God. However, the Bible does teach liberty for the believer. I think there might have been some entanglement in this chapter that I would like to avoid. You are welcome to read the chapter yourself and decide if I got it right or not. Chapter 6 is on the danger of the super pastor, and I think we have covered that topic enough. So we move on to the chapters on leadership.

Chapter 7 Lead like _____ - Narrow your _____ and expand your _____.

Jesus had many disciples, at one point he had 70 numbered. But he usually traveled with _____ and he had an inner circle of _____ - Peter, James, and John. (Mark 5:37; Luke 8:51; Matthew 17:1-2; Mark 9:2, Matthew 26:37; Mark 14:33)

More effective than preaching to thousands, is to _____ in three individuals once a week for an extended period of time.

Our apparent obsession with _____ and _____ has come at the expense of _____ and more _____. This is the type of focus that regularly sees lives _____ and hearts _____.

_____ even more than _____ determines the most effective disciple -making .

Are we _____ in those who exist in the margins? Are we giving attention to those who might be _____ candidates? Is this investment based on curriculum and a specific plan, or do we _____ for the purpose of personal development?

Chapter 8 Lead like _____ Never do what you can _____ . (Ex 18)

If the Senior Pastor does all the things he _____ do, and even the things he _____ to do, he will soon _____. He will also never _____ those around him, failing to _____ the ministry.

Healthy delegation seeks a _____ unhealthy delegation _____ a problem.

As other leaders are _____ it is important to occasionally delegate opportunities that they can handle well, even if you can handle them _____.

Self-sufficiency is a form of _____ and it is not how God intended ministry to be. It ignores the inherent _____ and _____ that we were born with.

Handing off ministry is both God's _____ for our ministry and the _____ by which our ministry is meant to last.

One of the most challenging aspects of delegation is learning to delegate _____, _____, and _____ (credit).