

Session 12 – Becoming a Ministry Mentor

Review of Last Session

- The skeletal structure of the mission-shaped New Testament church had three leadership types.
 - Apostles to break new ground for mission.
 - Deacons to oversee mutual member care.
 - Elders to guide the spiritual direction.
- The contrast in church focus between biblical times and modern times.
 - From every member a minister to ministry by professionals.
 - From a focus on the lost to a focus on the saved.

Biblical Examples of Ministry Mentorship

- Jethro and Moses (Exodus 18)
- Moses and Joshua (Deuteronomy 31:1-8; 34:9)
- Samuel and David (1 Samuel 16; 19:18-24)
- Elijah and Elisha (1 Kings 19:16-21; 2 Kings 21:1-16; 3:11).
- Paul and Timothy (1 & 2 Timothy).
- Jesus and the Disciples (clearest in Mark and Luke).
- Derived definition: Mentorship is cooperating with God to develop another person into his service.

The Jesus Model of Ministry Mentorship

- Jesus developed others in a systematic way, revealing clear purposes, principles, and phases that we can replicate. Much of what I am about to share with you is inspired by a classic work by Robert E. Coleman called *The Master Plan of Evangelism*.
- Jesus modeled mentorship as a mission strategy.
 - The early mission activities of Jesus are summarized as healing, casting out demons, and preaching (Luke 4:40-44).
 - After they had seen his ministry, he sent out twelve of his disciples to also heal, cast out demons, and preach (Luke 9:1-2), thus replicating his own ministry.
 - After the twelve returned, he sent out seventy more, telling them to pray for still others to join the mission (Luke 10:1-2, 8-9, 17), suggesting more replication.
 - Mentoring, for Jesus, was discipling. He later called his followers to do the same, suggesting that Christians are expected to mentor others into ministry (Matthew 28:19).
 - For Jesus, mentorship was a mission strategy, designed to continuously widen the circle of ministers in the mission.
- The process Jesus used is clear and easy to follow, but it requires great personal investment in another person.
 - Share life (Mark 1:16-21).
 - Share ministry (Mark 3:14-15).
 - Share responsibility (Mark 6:6-13).
 - Share reflection (Mark 6:30-31).
- The Jesus model casts a vision for how the need for more workers can be fulfilled.

Planning to Mentor Others in Ministry (Presented by Dr. Barry Tryon, Pennsylvania Conference Executive Secretary and Ministerial Director)