

10. Think of pastoral issues that a church and its leaders may face as we see the lost come to Christ?

Self harm Mental health issues Divorce Child Abuse
Pornography Step Families Addictions Guilt
Debt Aggression Same sex relationships
Singleness Self esteem

11. How do we deal with these issues? What is our authority, where is it found?

Bible is the authority - it is the creators book.

12. *"The gospel word and the gospel community do not fail us when it comes to pastoral care."* How is the church the best place in which pastoral care happens?

It is where you are loved no matter what.

It is where forgiveness is unconditional

It is where that love should express itself in selfless care

It is where preventative pastoral care takes place every day

13. Leading means knowing what direction we are going in. What are the goals of the church? Are we achieving them? If not what changes do we need to make?

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Unit 3.5 - Leading the Flock

1. What makes a good leader?

2. Someone has said that church leadership can be summed up by 3 words: *Graze, Guide and Guard*. Do you agree or disagree, why?

Is a Biblical model - *Good shepherd, 1 Peter 5:1-4*

3. Read Acts 20:17-38. What does this say about leaders, their concerns, role and how it is to be carried out?

(18) They are an example, in action and response to suffering

(21, 27) Are to preach the gospel (22) Are to be led by God

(23) Concern is to complete God given task

(28) Are to watch selves and flock (self care first - why?)

(29-30) To ward off savage wolves from inside and outside

(31) Be on guard

(32-38) Need prayer

4. Why do you think it is emphasised in Titus 1:9 and 1 Tim 3 that those who lead must be able to teach the Bible?

It is how he leads

Uses it to encourage others in sound doctrine

Refutes those who oppose sound doctrine

It is the distinctive of an elder

They don't just teach it, it is seen in their living

5. Read John 13 - what leadership style does Jesus use here?
How is it seen? Are we to follow it?

Loved them therefore he served them

Actions matter.

(15) It is an example for the churches 1st leaders and is to continue to be so for us.

It is a kingdom distinctive (16-17)

Acts 6

The Church has been established following Christ's ascension and the coming of the Holy Spirit and in Acts ch4-6 there are various pressures on the early church: 1. External persecution, 2. Internal corruption, 3. Growth.

6. What is the problem, how does it show itself, and what danger does it pose?

Accusation of unfairness in food distribution

Grumbling (1) link to OT Israel in wilderness

Danger is in distracting the apostles from their task (2)

7. What is the solution to the problem? What are its consequences?

(3-4) Men given over to serve practically. Management solution.

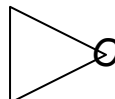
(7) Word of God spread - large no of priests became obedient.

8. Mark Dever in his book *9 Marks of a Healthy Church* gives a helpful mnemonic, BOSS, for memorising 4 characteristics of Jesus leadership. Find passages to illustrate each?



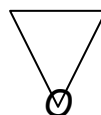
B = Boss - commands, takes responsibility, makes decisions

Luke 5:1-11, Matt 28:20, Matt 8:23



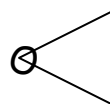
O = Out front - takes the initiative, sets the example

John 13:34, Luke 11:1-13, Phil 2:5,



S = Supply - equip people to go out themselves

Matt 5-7, Luke 9-10, Matt 28:16-20



S = Serve - giving sacrificially of self for those we lead

Crucifixion, John 13, John 18

9. Leaders in the church are to be Christ like but are we meant to display those characteristics? Use the letters of 1 Peter, Timothy and Titus to support your answer.

B - 2 Tim 4:2, Titus 2:1

O - 1 Pet 2:21, 1 Tim 4:12, Titus 2:7

S - 2 Tim 2:2, Titus 2:9-10

S - 1 Peter 5:1-4