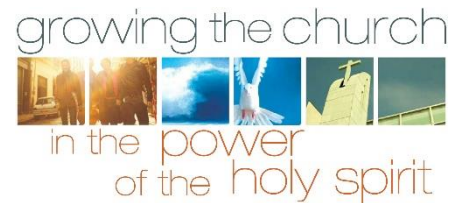


Video 2A

Foundation #1 – Leaders who embody the Kingdom of God



Leaders mould congregations

We shape the culture and ethos, and therefore need to be living examples

Those who embodied the Kingdom of God

- ❖ Jesus, our 'pioneer'
- ❖ Historical individuals (eg: St Benedict; John Calvin; Mother Teresa)
- ❖ The people who led us into His Kingdom

Jesus' 4 requirements for Growing Leaders who will Grow the Church

Incorporation – The need to be brought into Jesus' Kingdom

Clergy coming to faith in Christ (John 3:3,6-7)

Dangers of non-incorporated leaders

- ❖ Not able to lead using those capabilities that come from the Holy Spirit (2 Corinthians 2:14)
"Isn't an unconverted minister like a man who would teach others to swim before he has learned it himself, and so is drowned in the act and dies like a fool?"
Gilbert Tennent: "The Danger of an Unconverted Ministry."
- ❖ Not able to lead others to enter that Kingdom
- ❖ Not able to teach others how to live as citizens of that Kingdom.
- ❖ Supernatural and spiritual are missing

Information – The need to know truth, and to know him who is the Truth

Intellectual – knowing doctrine and practice (Acts 2:42, 2 Timothy 2:15)

Personal – knowing Jesus himself, relationally (Mark 1:17, Acts 4:13)

A fusion of head + heart knowledge (Jeremiah 31:33)

Transformation – character and integrity that reflects our status and is shaped by the Holy Spirit’s activity

- ❖ Sermon on the Mount
- ❖ Fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22-23)
- ❖ The lives of leaders need to be different (1 Timothy 3:1-13, Titus 1:5-9)
- ❖ Heart surgery, not pharisees (Ezekiel 36:26-27)

Unsanctified leadership is a scandal and can:

- ❖ Undermine our credentials
- ❖ Provide people with an excuse to ignore Jesus himself
- ❖ Destroy trust and undermine relationships

Empowerment – receiving the power of the Holy Spirit to be witnesses for Jesus

Jesus’ command (Acts 1:4,5,8)

Jesus’ example (Acts 10:38, John 1:32, Philippians 2:6-11)

- ❖ No supernatural activity until after the Spirit came upon him

Old Testament pattern:

The Spirit came upon a person, who then engaged in some form of dynamic activity

Are all 4 of these
requirements integral
to *our* faith and leadership ?