

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

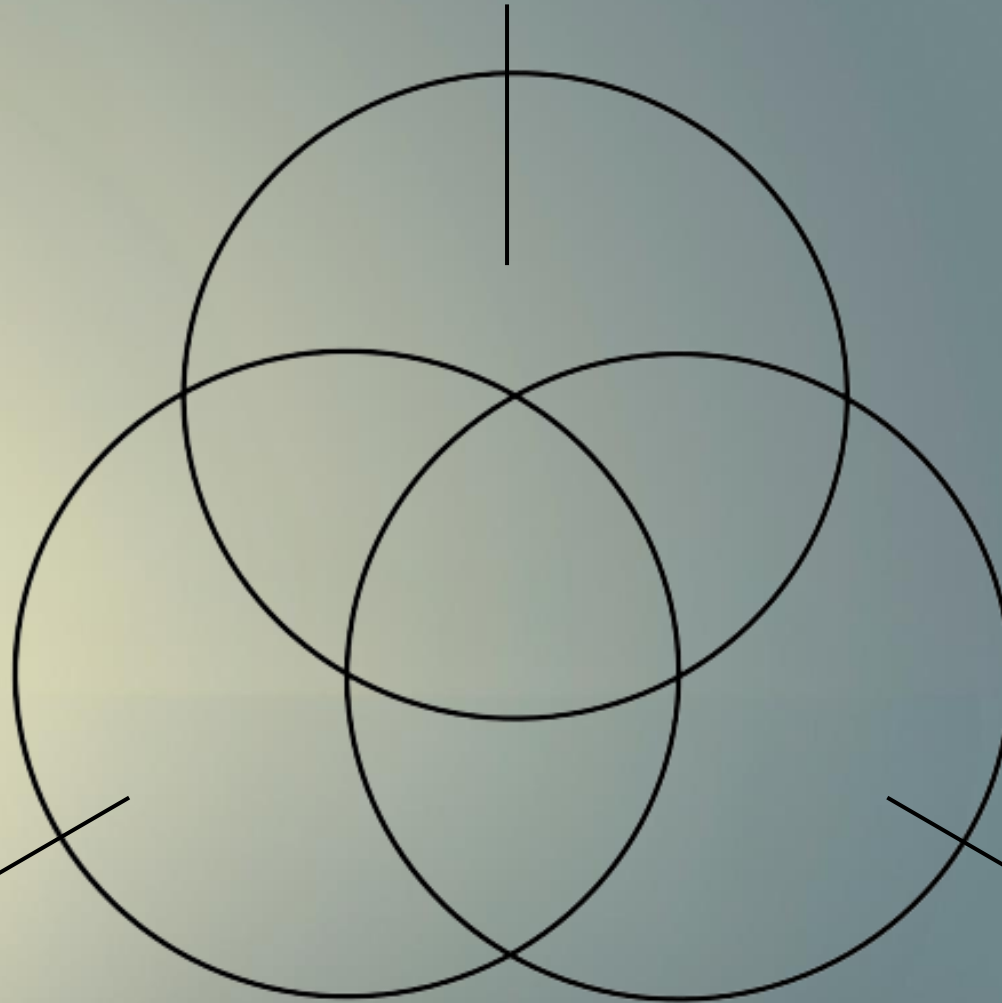
- Do you see yourself as a leader?
- “The long-term health and spiritual vitality of any church is dependent on leadership development.” – Mac Lake –The Multiplication Effect: Building a Leadership Pipeline
- What happens when there are insufficient leaders or leadership breaks down in any organization?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

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- 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 1 – Homework Review

- At the tables review the Case Study from last week 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?

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? Am I pursuing grace and being taught by it?
 - I should consider how grace impacts a believer practically, according to Titus 2:11-13.