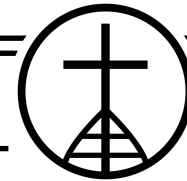


PULPIT CURRICULUM

The Marks of a Good Leader

1 Thessalonians 2:1-112

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Prayer & Praise: For the College Ministry ski trip this week, for all coming, the messages from the book of Ruth, fellowship of like-minded churches joining.

Pursue Them Purposefully (v. 1)

What does intentionality look like in your life in relation to discipleship? Does it come natural to be purposeful in who you pursue?

Coach Them Courageously (vv.2-4)

How does being entrusted with the gospel of God embolden our teaching and training of disciples? Why should it mean more to us than 'merely' leading a small group, family worship time, etc.?

Lead Them Lovingly (vv.5-8)

Paul could have asserted authority but instead chose the path of tender love. How is this counter-cultural to what some see as the most effective method of leadership? Have you experienced a parent or mentor do this to you? What lasting impact did it make?

Guide Them Genuinely (vv.9-10)

Leadership is an intentional decision of choosing whom you will disappoint. Why is it important the people we lead see all of our life up close, not just the parts we want them to see? What difference does that make to a disciple?

Push Them Personally (vv.11-12)

The words Paul chooses to describe how we have like a father with children are varied in their style, based on what he sees in the sheep. Why is it important to have this skill to change our fatherly "grit"?

Mutual Ministry: Take inventory on those five categories this week in your mutual ministry time. Seek honest feedback from each other and give honest feedback to each other on how you are living these principles out.

Fawning hypocrites, insidious flatterers, are the rubbish of friendship. They are but the parasites upon a noble tree. But true friends put enough trust in you to tell you openly of your faults. Give me for a friend a man who will speak honestly of me before my face.

Charles Spurgeon