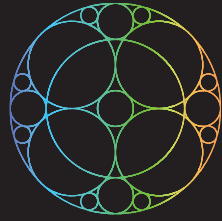


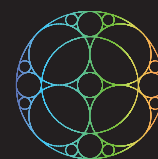
Discussion Guide.



The Church I See

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Teaching Text

Matthew 25:14-16

“Again, it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted his wealth to them. 15 To one he gave five bags of gold, to another two bags, and to another one bag,[a] each according to his ability. Then he went on his journey. 16 The man who had received five bags of gold went at once and put his money to work and gained five bags more. 17 So also, the one with two bags of gold gained two more. 18 But the man who had received one bag went off, dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money. 19 “After a long time the master of those servants returned and settled accounts with them. 20 The man who had received five bags of gold brought the other five. ‘Master,’ he said, ‘you entrusted me with five bags of gold. See, I have gained five more.’ 21 “His master replied, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master’s happiness!’ 22 “The man with two bags of gold also came. ‘Master,’ he said, ‘you entrusted me with two bags of gold; see, I have gained two more.’ 23 “His master

replied, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master’s happiness!’ 24 “Then the man who had received one bag of gold came. ‘Master,’ he said, ‘I knew that you are a hard man, harvesting where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered seed. 25 So I was afraid and went out and hid your gold in the ground. See, here is what belongs to you.’ 26 “His master replied, ‘You wicked, lazy servant! So you knew that I harvest where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered seed? 27 Well then, you should have put my money on deposit with the bankers, so that when I returned I would have received it back with interest..”

Recap

This week, Banning Liebscher launches a teaching series called “**The Church I See**”. We, the church, are called to advance the Kingdom and we can only accomplish that by walking in the apostolic and prophetic gifting through teaching, equipping and engaging the church family. Carrying the apostolic and prophetic means that we know whose we are and where we are going! Watch as Banning kicks off the series by reminding us of our path collectively, as the church, and what that means for you personally.

This series lays the foundation and examines what Jesus is doing in our church. It is important to understand the apostolic ministry for two reasons:

1. Jesus gave us the five fold ministry to strengthen us and enrich our spiritual life.
2. Jesus is building His church, He is the chief cornerstone, but the apostolic and prophetic ministry are at the foundation.

(Reference) **Ephesians 2:19-22** – “Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone, in whom the whole building, being fitted together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord, in whom you also are being built together for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.”

An apostolic mindset understands what to build and where to go. When you remove the apostolic and the prophetic from the Five Fold Ministry, the church does not know where to go. The Five Fold Ministry working together is the true representation of Jesus. When the apostolic is leading, the purpose of the church remains clear: the purpose of the church is to advance the Kingdom.

One of the manifestations of the apostolic ministry is the raising up and development of leaders. Our passion and mandate is to raise up leaders to advance the Kingdom. We all lead regardless of where God has us (Uber driver, stay-at-home mom,

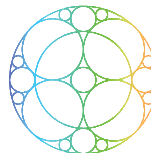
teacher, police officer, etc.). John Maxwell defines leadership as: “influence, nothing more nothing less”. Everyone is called to lead but not everyone engages that call.

Leaders live different lives because they live with a sense of ownership. We all are called to live with a sense of ownership in two specific areas:

1. YOUR CITY

2. WHAT GOD HAS GIVEN YOU

We are all put on this earth to bring glory to God and advance His Kingdom. We do that by using what God has given us. We must ask ourselves “what am I doing with what God has given me?”. Leadership at its core is taking ownership and responsibility of what God has gifted you. The greatest thing we can do is to use the gifts we have been given.



Discussion Guide

EMOTIONAL HEALTH CHECK IN

Take a few minutes to do an emotional health check in with your Community, creating space for each person to answer the question below:

What are three words you would use to describe the current season you are in?

If the need arises, spend a few minutes praying for one another, asking God to meet needs and help each person carry what feels heavy right now.

ENGAGE

1. When you look back on your own life, what sort of feelings arise when you think of the church and its role in your life?
2. Are the terms “apostolic and prophetic” new to you or are these concepts you have encountered previously?
3. When you think of a “leader” what comes to mind? Do you view yourself as a “leader”? Why or why not?
4. What specific gifts have you been given? Are you using your gifts to their

full potential? **ENCOUNTER**

Spend a few minutes in stillness and quiet (you may want to play soaking music) in your group and ask Holy Spirit the following question:

How is God using my life to advance His Kingdom? What specific leadership role do I have to play in the building of His church?

If time permits, allow those who want to, share what God spoke to them during the Encounter time.

EQUIP

As a group, think of specific ways in which you would like to be equipped, challenged and strengthened in the area of leadership. Spend some time praying into these areas. Throughout the week, journal or take practical steps to carry out some of the areas shared. For example, if you would like to grow in communication, commit to having an honest and vulnerable conversation with someone.

