

GULF SHORES CHURCH OF CHRIST

Ancient Words: Favorite Bible Words

Leadership

Introduction:

1. We are struggling to provide the leadership needed for the 21st century church.
2. We are desperately searching for good godly leaders.
3. **Acts 20:17-38**

Discussion:

STEP #1 – Connecting (John 4:1-30, John 13:1-20)

- We need to establish trust.
- We need to strengthen priorities.
- We need to tell our story.
- We need to be more receptive.

STEP #2 – Recruiting (Matthew 14:22-33, Matthew 26:31-35)

- Jesus = 120, 70, 12, 3, 1
- Spend time with them individually.
- Most leaders will reveal themselves.
- Don't force or manipulate them.

STEP #3 – Teaching (Matthew 5-7, Matthew 28:18-20)

- Use the teachable moments.
- Find ways to make application.
- Try not to lecture or critique.
- Celebrate when they succeed.

STEP #4 – Mentoring (I Timothy 1:1-3, I Timothy 3:15-16)

- There are dozens of Bible examples.
- You can mentor your leaders.
- Teens can mentor their peers.
- A mentor is more friend than judge.

STEP #5 – Equipping (Ephesians 4:11-16)

- Find their talents and strengths.
- They need responsibility.
- They need accountability.
- This is true discipleship.

STEP #6 – Coaching (I Corinthians 12:27-31, I Corinthians 13:1-13)

- We need to move to the sidelines.
- Birds have to leave the nest to fly.
- They will not be there forever.
- Find ways to give them freedom.

STEP #7 – Approving (Luke 24:13-35, Matthew 25:14-30)

The leaders may not shine clearly.

Seek out the wise leaders.

Honor the mature leaders.

Have fun with the spiritual leaders.

Conclusion:

1. Women are also given a command to lead, but never to usurp the leadership of the men in the church, or their husbands.
 - **Titus 2, I Timothy 2:12, Ephesians 5**
2. There are certain qualities given to men, and their wives, who are interested in serving as elders and deacons.
 - **Acts 20, I Timothy 3, Titus 1, I Peter 5**
3. There are also responsibilities of the church to our leaders.
 - a. We must pray for them and honor them.
 - b. **Hebrews 13:7, 17, 24**
4. How are you leading others?
5. How are you treating your leaders?