

Training Session #5 — Centered on the Gospel

Sunday, March 28th at 6:00 p.m.

- **Review**

- What we are talking about in this STUDY and the Sunday night TRAINING is the 5 C's of Leadership. These are basic, Biblical principles for Christian Leaders in the local church. And they go like this...
- THE VERY BEST LEADERS IN THE CHURCH ARE...
 - ◆ those who are Connected to Jesus
 - ◆ and are Christlike in Character
 - ◆ Caring Towards All
 - ◆ **Committed to the Work,**
 - ◆ and finally, those who are Centered on the Gospel of Jesus Christ

- **Why Now?**

- I've been thinking about a training like this for some time because we as a staff recognize that while we can lead well and we may have lots of servants in the church, there are more capable leaders in our church that could do some wonderful ministry and we want to enlist them, equip them, encourage them, and help them evaluate their leadership as they go.
- Here are two really big areas that will need capable leaders: a newly formed OUTreach team and a newly formed INreach team...
 - ◆ The OUTreach Team
 - ◆ The INreach Team
 - ◆ Adult Small Group Leader — There is virtually no way to give care to everyone who calls FBC Kenedy their church home. How will people be known, loved and encouraged in their walk with Christ? It has to come through small groups of folks who for prayer and Bible study and fellowship. We need to help our Small Group Leaders in this work. For one, these essential roles of teaching, caring, and reaching out to those who haven't yet joined a group is too much for one person. We need three teams or least three leaders to take on each of these roles within each group. We need to help groups identify or recruit them, train them, encourage them, and help them to keep getting better. We need a singular leader looking out for this important work. At one time it was a staff member, then we had a church member doing it, but it has

never been what it could and should be. But, under the right leadership, our small groups ministry can accomplish its work of helping folks get to know some folks who they can share life with and to grow in their relationship with God. So, who's in?

- **Opening Discussion**

- What is the gospel?
 - ◆ *Jesus lived the life we could not live, he died the death we should have died, and he rose to life so that we might live forever.*
 - ◆ ***Romans 3:22-25a, "We are made right with God by placing our faith in Jesus Christ. And this is true for everyone who believes, no matter who we are. 23 For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God's glorious standard. 24 Yet God, in his grace, freely makes us right in his sight. He did this through Christ Jesus when he freed us from the penalty for our sins. 25 For God presented Jesus as the sacrifice for sin. People are made right with God when they believe that Jesus sacrificed his life, shedding his blood." (NLT)***
 - ◆ ***2 Corinthians 5:21, "God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God." (NIV)***
 - ◆ ***1 John 1:9, "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness." (NIV)***
- What does it look like for a leader to be internally motivated by the gospel?
- What does it look like to lead others with the gospel?

- **Bible Discussion**

- There is perhaps no better place to turn to see the gospel at work than in the parable of the Prodigal Son. Read the story of **Luke 15:11-32...**
 - ◆ *If the younger son were a leader, what kind of leader would he be?*
 - ◆ *If the older son were a leader, what kind of leader would he be?*
 - ◆ *In what ways was the father a leader for us to emulate.*
- *Both the younger son and the older son looked at their roles in their family as ways to get what they wanted, though by different means. Let it not be so with any of God's leaders in the church. May we be quick to say that we serve not for ourselves, but for the glory of God and the good of others and may we always have the mindset and attitude of a servant.*
 - ◆ ***Luke 17:7-10 "Suppose one of you has a servant plowing or***

looking after the sheep. Will he say to the servant when he comes in from the field, 'Come along now and sit down to eat'? 8 Won't he rather say, 'Prepare my supper, get yourself ready and wait on me while I eat and drink; after that you may eat and drink'? 9 Will he thank the servant because he did what he was told to do? 10 So you also, when you have done everything you were told to do, should say, 'We are unworthy servants; we have only done our duty.'"

- **Conclusion**

- *The entire Trinity is involved in the leadership of the local church. Our Heavenly Father calls leaders into service, both pastors, ministers and lay leaders. The Holy Spirit gifts them for the work of leadership. And Jesus, himself, has provides the church with these leaders.*
- *Effective leaders in the church will lead the members onto God's agenda. They will equip them to do the work of ministry. The result will be a united, mature church that knows, loves and looks like its Savior.*
- *In closing, if you are gifted to lead, do so diligently by staying connected to Jesus, developing Christlike character, showing care towards call, being committed to the work and finally, centered on the gospel.*
 - ◆ ***Romans 12:6,8, "We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is to lead, do it diligently."***
 - ◆ ***Ephesians 4:11-13, "11 So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, 12 to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up 13 until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ."***

- **Weekly Memory Verse**

- ***1 Corinthians 15:10, "But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace to me was not without effect. No, I worked harder than all of them--yet not I, but the grace of God that was with me."***

- **Conclusion**

- Please take time to fill out survey now and leave at the table as you exit.
- Leadership Training certificates will be presented on Sunday, April 11th.
- Anyone interested in leading OUT/IN-Reach Teams or serve as the Adult Small Groups Director?

