



## Lesson 4 - Part Two

# MC Leadership Training

## Summary

1. Subject(s): Gospel Leadership

This section begins to deal with the expectations for Missional Communities, Gospel Rhythms, and responsibilities of MC Leadership.

2. Objective: Responsibilities of MC Leaders

The goal of this lesson is to help MC leaders identify and understand their responsibilities.

## **Prayer**

Lord, as we delve into what is expected of us as church and MC leadership, help us to proceed with open hearts and open minds. Please guard us against any form of legalism or distortion of Your precious Gospel. Let our devotional life grow in such a way that we can be better equipped as leaders of Your flock. We pray this in Jesus' most holy name. Amen.

## **Reading**

“This is why I left you in Crete, so that you might put what remained into order, and appoint elders in every town... For an overseer, as God's steward, must be above reproach. He must not be arrogant or quick-tempered or a drunkard or violent or greedy for gain, but hospitable, a lover of good, self-controlled, upright, holy, and disciplined. He must hold firm to the trustworthy word as taught, so that he may be able to give instruction in sound doctrine and also to rebuke those who contradict it.”  
(Titus 1:5&7-9)

“And one of the scribes came up and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, asked him, “Which commandment is the most important of all?” Jesus answered, “The most important is, ‘Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.’ The second is this: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no other commandment greater than these.” (Mark 12:28-31)

“For the commandments, “You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet,” and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” Romans 13:9

## **Observations**

1. There are certain standards expected of an overseer, or someone that has a leadership role within the church. This would include MC Leaders.
  - a. These standards can be categorized into two groups: \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_. List out a few examples of each category.
    - i.
    - ii.
2. Our greatest aim is to \_\_\_\_\_ and to \_\_\_\_\_. → No other \_\_\_\_\_ is greater than this.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ is the motivation for the mission and the source behind the fulfillment of the law.
4. Titus was expected to \_\_\_\_\_.

## **Gratitude**

- God, we thank You for the empowerment of the Holy Spirit, without which we would never be able to walk in holiness before You. It is only through this empowerment that we're anointed for leadership and able to direct others to leadership as well. Thank You for the love message of the Gospel. Thank You for Your mercy in our shortcomings and failures. And it is Your great love that encourages us to love others and keep the commandments that You have set before us.

## **Reflection**

1. We must conduct ourselves in a way that is \_\_\_\_\_.
2. We should aim to \_\_\_\_\_ in our respective MCs.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ is the greatest commandment.
4. \_\_\_\_\_ is the only thing that can ever bring true fulfillment to the law.

## **Application**

- The standards mentioned in the passage from Titus are almost entirely concerned with personal holiness and devotion. However, there are a few active responsibilities that we should note as MC Leaders.
  - a. First, MC Leaders must be \_\_\_\_\_. It is no surprise that \_\_\_\_\_ is addressed in the same passage. Missional Communities are in your homes and accidents can happen. Be slow to \_\_\_\_\_ and quick to \_\_\_\_\_.
  - b. Second, MC Leaders must hold fast to the \_\_\_\_\_ and be able to \_\_\_\_\_. This doesn't mean that you must hold all the answers. Only that you know and understand the Gospel and are unwavering in it.
- If we truly allow ourselves to trust in God's \_\_\_\_\_ for us, \_\_\_\_\_ Him in return, and allow that \_\_\_\_\_ to overflow to our neighbors we will begin to fulfill (in part) the Biblical expectations as \_\_\_\_\_.

## **Meditation**

- We must remember that we are fallen creatures and are continually plagued by a sinful nature. This is not a legalistic list of requirements for you to be an effective MC Leader but is instead a goal to continually strive towards. Remember to give yourself room to fail and make mistakes. This is what makes the Gospel Message so sweet - that there is always an advocating intercessor, namely Jesus, on our side.