

## RAISING MORE LEADERS WITHIN YOUR CHURCH-*OUTLINE*

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### **INTRODUCTION:**

#### **I. Why Church?**

##### **A. The Nature of Church (Ephesians 4:11-12).**

1. Equips us for ministry.
2. Protects us from strangers and false doctrine.
3. Grows us in all aspects of life.
4. Matures us to love and involve others.
5. Benefits us with all God Intends for us.

#### **II. Church Benefits Others, Not the Leader (Colossians 1:25).**

**A. Matures, Develops, Trains and Nurtures people to Complete their Lives.**

**B. Gives Us Different Perspectives of the Kingdom.**

#### **III. We are Living Stones (I Peter 2).**

**A. Church Is Not Intended to be the Building.**

**B. People Comprise a Living Temple.**

1. A point of refuge.
2. A holy place of power.
3. A place of fellowship bringing healing as we share testimonies.

#### IV. The Focus of Church.

##### A. Exalt Jesus.

1. Worship Him.
2. Witness to what He has done.

##### B. Study the Bible.

1. Be partakers of the nature of God.
2. Reveal to others the life and love of God.

##### C. Love People with No Conditions on Them.

1. Nurture people.
2. Move people along in growth: “unstick” their stuck places.

##### D. Develop God’s Intended Ministry for every Believer’s Unique Spiritual Capabilities and Assignments.

#### **DEVELOPING LEADERS:**

##### I. Choose A Few People (Exodus 17:8).

##### A. The Appointment of Ordinary People Enables Things to Happen.

1. Leaders can’t do it alone.

2. Show others how we do things.
- B. There's Always the "Next Day" (Exodus 18:13-14).
1. Disciple and train others to help you.
  2. Surround yourself with people and pour into them.
  3. Hold back what you can do to give others a place.
- C. Jesus Trained Disciples to Serve (Acts 6:1-4).
1. Qualified by being filled with the Spirit of God.
    - a. Stephen did signs and wonders.
    - b. Philip was an evangelist.
  2. Let people minister alongside you in order to learn "how."
  3. We can easily feel disqualified (Luke 5).
  4. We think we're not good enough.
  5. We think we have the "one" thing that Jesus can't heal.
- D. We can Easily Disqualify Others Due to Legalism.
1. Pharisees categorize people: a few are perfect; the rest can't ever qualify.
  2. We need to be "Search and Rescue" teams.
- E. Jesus Walks into Our Sin (Matthew 9:9-13).
- F. Help the Sick.
- G. Sustain the Weary.

- H. Encourage People that They Can Do This Too.
  - 1. Don't keep them for ourselves—send them out.
- I. Ministry Means Lifting Others Up (Matthew 20:20).
- II. Our Spiritual Maturity Is Our Inheritance (Joshua 1).
  - A. Maturity is Not a Destination; It is a Tool.
  - B. Disciples are Like Apprentices.
  - C. As we Follow God's Instructions, We Will Touch Others.
- III. Church Means Raising Up and Letting Go (I Timothy 3:1; 4:12).
  - A. Get Rid of Some Leaders (Send Them Out) to Raise Up Others.
  - B. When Church Doesn't Work.
    - 1. Something not working shows us where to focus our attention.
    - 2. We need more leaders—people who work, not churches that work.
    - 3. We don't just pass our mantle; we shred it and spread it.
  - C. Our Knowledge Can Be a Trap that Keeps Us from Mobilizing Others.
  - D. It's to Our Advantage When the Leader Goes Away.
    - 1. Opens up places for many: the anointing is for everyone.
    - 2. We reach more people.
    - 3. It's not about our church; it's about our world.
    - 4. Avoid dividing people into spiritual and non-spiritual categories.

IV. Use the Power of the Holy Spirit to Raise Leaders.

- A. Praying in Tongues.
- B. Deliverance—There are Demons.
- C. Lay Hands on People.
- D. Training in Using Spiritual Gifts.
- E. Look to What God Is Doing Where We Are.

V. The Plan of God.

- A. We're Ordinary People Touched by a Merciful and Kind God—  
Convince People that God's Mercy is Greater than Any and All Sin.
- B. Merciful and Kind God Chooses Anyone who Is Willing.
- C. Merciful and Kind God Will Use Us to Do Extraordinary Work In Others.
- D. A merciful and Kind God Instills an Attitude of Servanthood.
- E. Don't Focus on the Size of our Churches (Isaiah 60:22).