

Work Group Session: Book Discussion

Afternoon, April 16, 2007

*Connecting: The Mentoring Relationships You Need to Succeed in Life*

Group #1

Does the idea of intensive mentoring fit relationships in pastoral ministry? Why? Illustrate.

Intensive mentoring: Paul and Barnabas and John Mark (see p. 41, 42, 51, and 58)

Our goal is to get to know and follow Christ and follow the mentor in that relationship.

Illustration: having a person accompanying you over an extended period of time or doing membership visitation

Would it be more effective than class setting?

Felt the class setting is more occasional

Literature now recognizes relationships of mentoring.

Group #2

Occasional mentoring...

When a church member was not attending church for a number of years.

The reality is that a pastor cannot help but do occasional mentoring.

Group #3

Passive mentoring broken into 3 examples

Mentoring by example

Without intention

Then, doing it together

Group #4

In What way is peer co-mentoring unique, and how could it strengthen your ministry?

Not defined strictly by age, career, or relationship.

Usually, a common circumstance that brings you together.

A friendship can open up to develop a stronger trust.

Don't see one above the other.

Usually, a shared stage of life and natural career.

Saw also that it strengthens more than the others can because of the deeper level of honesty—thus, leading to mutual encouragement.

Group #5

How does the constellation model of mentoring fit local church – ministry contexts?

Best way is to start small where a mix of practices of mentoring occur.

Our challenge: What does the constellation look like in the congregation?

Constellation poses a 360 degree position of mentoring: upward, downward, etc.

An elder and senior pastor works together to arrange a multi-prayer meeting model where staff is associated with various prayer meeting options during the week.

Constellation mentoring creates more of a leadership style—creates an environment that is informal and allows for feedback and evaluation of 360 degree feedback.

Work Group #6

Illustrate a practical application of the 10 Commandments of mentoring.

1. Pre-marital counseling is a form of mentoring
2. Also, could be other forms of counseling
3. With intern, prepare the intern in advance before issues develop

7 couples are clarifying their perspectives with Pastor from NYC.