



GRACE GROUP LEADER GROWTH RESOURCES

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Gospel Coach, Shepherding Leaders to Glorify God

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Chapter 1 Why Every Church Leader Needs a Coach

- We believe gospel coaching is necessary because it is a process of imparting encouragement and skills to a leader in order to fulfill their ministry role - something every leader needs-but it is done in the context of gospel friendship.
- Faithful leaders will make disciples, but great leaders focus on making other leaders.
- If the gospel is not at work in the life of church leaders, then it is highly unlikely it will be at work in the life of the church.

Questions to ponder:

1. Who are you allowing to speak gospel truth into your life?
2. Are you still allowing the gospel to transform you?
3. Are you actively making any leaders in your group?

Chapter 2 Why Every Church Leader Needs the Gospel

- Church leaders are not immune to sin's effects on their personal, spiritual and missional lives. And when church leaders suffer, the church suffers.
- Real theological thinking, which is the thinking with the mind of Christ, is hard to find in the practice of ministry. Without solid theological reflection, future leaders will be little more than pseudo-psychologists.
- Now, through repentance and faith, God means for us to tap into the powerful victory of our king, so that we might be transformed into true worshippers of God and more authentic lovers of people. The gospel gives a basis for coaching others, encouraging them to walk in the freedom and joy of God's good news.

Questions to ponder:

1. Are you actively allowing the gospel to transform your sinfulness?
2. Is your thinking actively transforming into Christ's thinking?
3. Are you actively coaching your group members to do the same?

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