

Pastoral Ministry in 2022

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Titus

Introduction: The difference between transition and resident pastoral ministry.

These concluding messages in this transition time have to do with the significance of pastoral leadership.

Pastoral ministry is a large biblical theme developed from the time of Noah, Abraham, Moses and David.

Consider King David as the primary Old Testament model of God's intention for excellent pastoral leadership (Psalm 78:70).

David's leadership prefigured the pastoral ministry of Jesus (John 10) and the description of pastoral ministry by the apostles (1 Peter 5:1-5, 1 and 2 Timothy, and Titus.).

Titus provides a kind of job description for pastoral leadership.

(Consider the context of the Letter to Titus. Consider too, the significance of Paul's introductory words concerning his calling.)

It's all about leadership:

1. Leadership in administration (Titus 1:5)
2. Leadership in pastoral care (Titus 1:7, 8)
3. Leadership in developing leaders (Titus 1:5)
4. Leadership in the teaching of sound doctrine (Titus 2:1)

The church today, more than ever, needs strong pastoral leaders who demonstrate the kind of commitment to which Paul calls Titus.

Sermon-based Small Group Discussion Questions

1. Take a few minutes to discuss the difference between transition and resident pastoral ministry based on your observations here at PTC over these past months.
2. As you begin, share with one another about the significance of pastoral leadership in your experience.
3. Consider how David represents the kind of description given of him in Psalm 78:70. In what ways is it evident that David was a true shepherd / leader?
4. Do a quick overview together of the short book of Titus. What stands out to you about Paul's instruction to his young protégé-pastor?
5. Discuss the various roles of a pastor identified in the message based on the Book of Titus. What have you observed of pastoral leadership in how well each of these has been demonstrated at PTC?
6. Assess the degree to which you think the PTC congregation has accepted the legitimacy of these roles for pastors over the years.
7. In anticipation of receiving a new pastor at PTC in God's time, what might be your most important hope and prayer for him?

Take time to conclude your time together with prayer for the new pastor that will come to PTC as God leads.