



JESUS' METHOD FOR MINISTRY

2 Corinthians 4:1-7



Focus verse

2 Corinthians 4:5 (HCSB)

“For we are not proclaiming ourselves but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your slaves because of Jesus.”

We...ourselves...

- ❑ Plurality of ministry
- ❑ Team #1 - Jesus + you (“not ourselves”)
- ❑ Team #2 - you + many others around you – TEAM!
- ❑ Look back: you only build on someone else’s foundation
- ❑ Look forward: what will be your legacy

Proclaiming/preaching

- ✓ This is what a pastor does – our primary role
- ✓ Not head to head, but heart to heart
- ✓ Helps people connect to God – the care of souls
 - *For the first time – evangelism*
 - *Growing in God – discipleship*
- ✓ People expect you to help them with their Jesus journey

The message: “Jesus Christ as Lord”

- The kingdom of God is core ministry
- Mark 1:15 “time is fulfilled... Kingdom is near... repent & believe...” (17) “follow me...”
- If people say what a good bloke/sermon etc you have missed the mark. Rather have them consumed by the Christ who lives in and through you – living in the kingdom.

Servant leader?

- ✘ Be careful of the latest fads – *people/churches/programmes*
- ✘ “Servant leader” – a modern heresy...
- ✘ About nouns and adjectives
- ✘ Servant/slave is a noun NOT an adjective
- ✘ The Bible never uses the term “servant leader”
- ✘ God is not looking for more super pastors; he is looking for more servants

On being a servant

- Entitled or servant?
- The Bible has a lot to say about servant/slave
- OT = verb: 290 x's or noun: 791 x's
- NT = verb: 86 x's or noun: 203 x's
- Consider Mark 10:35-45 (*the way up is down!*)

Finally...

1. Beware of the curse of the celebrity/success
2. Don't be a leader who serves but a servant who leads
3. Follow Jesus & others will follow you
4. Serve wisely, you are not a door mat, but no task too menial
5. Stay close to Jesus and be true to Him!