

WHERE HE LEADS, I WILL FOLLOW
(Jesus's Example for Local Church Workers)
Lesson 25

I. INTRODUCTION.

A. Local Church Organization in Review.

1. Lessons 1-4 studied organization concepts: the NT pattern, autonomy, cooperation, and maintaining organizational purity.
2. Lessons 5-24 studied organization personalities: leaders, elders, deacons, the wives of elders and deacons, evangelists, teachers, a woman's work, and members.

B. Local Church Workers.

1. Who can the men and women in a local church turn to for an example of work and service?
2. Who is the best example for local church workers? What is the best training manual for the various functions in the local church?

II. JESUS IS THE GREAT EXAMPLE.

A. Jesus is the Example for Leaders.

1. Jesus is the great leader (Mt. 9:9; Jn. 1:43). He is a leader...
 - a) With firm principles (Mt. 16:24; 19:21-11; Lk. 9:57-62; Jn. 21:19, 21).
 - b) On the move (Mk. 1:38).
 - c) Out in front (Mk. 10:32).
 - d) With goals (Lk. 2:49; Jn. 4:34-38; 8:29).
 - e) With urgency (Lk. 2:49; 4:43; 13:33; 19:5; Jn. 9:4; 10:16).
 - f) Made like us (Jn. 1:14; Heb. 2:17).
 - g) Who calls others to follow (Jn. 10:3).
 - h) With personal care (Jn. 10:3, 27).
 - i) On the move in the right direction (Jn. 12:26; 14:3).
2. Leaders in the local church can learn much from this example.

B. Jesus is the Example for Elders.

1. Jesus is the great shepherd (Mt. 2:6; 9:36; 25:32; 26:31; Heb. 13:20; 1 Pet. 2:25; 5:4; Rev. 7:17). He is a shepherd with...
 - a) Personal care (Jn. 10:1-3, 5, 14-15).

- b) Leadership skill (Jn. 10: 3-4, 26-27).
 - c) Provision of nourishment (Jn. 10:7-10, 28-30).
 - d) Self-sacrifice (Jn. 10:11-18).
2. Shepherds (elders) in the local church can learn much from this example.
- C. Jesus is the Example for Deacons.
- 1. Jesus is the great servant (Isa.42:1; Ac.1:1; 10:38; Phil.2:7-8). His service is...
 - a) Immediate (Mk. 1:20, 21, 29; etc.).
 - b) Impartial (Mk. 1:38-39).
 - c) Compassionate (Mk. 1:41; 3:5; 6:34; 10:13-16, 21).
 - d) Accompanied by suffering (Mk. 8:31).
 - f) Sacrificial (Mk. 10:45).
 - g) With obedience (Mk. 14:36).
 - h) Honored (Mk. 16:19).
 - 2. Servants (deacons) in the local church can learn much from this example.
- D. Jesus is the Example for Evangelists.
- 1. Jesus is the great evangelist (Mt. 4:23; 9:35; 11:5; Lk. 7:22; 8:1; 20:1). He preached...
 - a) The gospel (Mk. 1:14).
 - b) Repentance (Mk. 1:15).
 - c) With exhortation (Lk. 3:18).
 - d) Salvation (Lk. 4:18-19).
 - e) With urgency (Lk. 4:43).
 - f) Peace (Ac. 10:36).
 - 2. Evangelists in the local church can learn much from this example.
- E. Jesus is the Example for Teachers.
- 1. Jesus is the great teacher (Mt. 4:23; 9:35; 11:1; 13:54; 21:23; 26:55; Mk. 6:6; Lk. 2:46; 4:15, 31; 5:3, 17; 6:6; 13:10, 22, 26; Jn. 3:2; 8:2, 20; Acts 1:1). His teaching was...
 - a) Life-changing (Mt. 5:2ff).
 - b) Authoritative (Mt. 7:28-29; 22:33; Mk. 1:21-22, 27; 11:18; Lk. 4:32).
 - c) Truthful (Mt. 22:16).
 - d) Easily understood (Mk. 4:1f).
 - e) Compassionate (Mk. 6:34).

- f) Explicit (Mk. 8:31; 9:31).
- g) Regular (Mk. 10:1).
- h) Divine in origin (Jn. 3:2; 7:16-17; 8:28).
- i) Energetic (Jn. 7:14, 28).
- j) Candid (Jn. 18:19-21).

2. Teachers in the local church can learn much from this example.

F. Jesus is the Example for All Members.

1. Jesus is a great "member" of the Godhead (Col. 2:9). He worked together in...

- a) Humility (Jn. 1:14; Phil. 2:5-8).
- b) Subjection (Jn. 6:38; Mt. 26:39; Mk. 14:36; Lk. 22:42; 1 Cor.11:3).
- c) Mutual dependence (Jn. 5:30; 8:28, 42; 12:27).
- d) Unity (Jn. 10:30; 17:20-23).
- e) Cooperation (Jn. 16:13-15).
- f) Honor (Jn. 17:4).

2. All members in the local church can learn much from this example

III. CONCLUSION. Jesus Is Our Example and Pattern For All the Workers in the Local Church.
Will You Follow Where He Leads?

Lesson Twenty-Five Discussion

1. What example does Jesus give for leaders?
2. What is lacking in many leaders today that was present in the life of Jesus?
3. What example does Jesus give for elders?
4. What is lacking in many elders today that was present in the life of Jesus?
5. What example does Jesus give for deacons?
6. What is lacking in many deacons today that was present in the life of Jesus?
7. What example does Jesus give for evangelists?
8. What is lacking in many evangelists today that was present in the life of Jesus?
9. What example does Jesus give for teachers?
10. What is lacking in many teachers today that was present in the life of Jesus?
11. What example does Jesus give for all the members?
12. What is lacking in many members today that was present in the life of Jesus?