

God's Design for Leadership & Ministry in the Church

Isaiah 43:18-19

Leadership & Ministry in the Old Testament

- Ministry in the Trinity (*Genesis 1:26*)

- Moses's Ministry (*Exodus 18:13-25*)

- Ministry of Prophets (*Ezra 5:1-2*)

Leadership & Ministry in the New Testament

- Jesus's Ministry (*John 1:14; Mark 1:16-18, 38-39; Matt. 14:19-20; Luke 10:1-3; John 20:19-21; Acts 1:8; 10:42; John 14:12*)

- Ministry in the early Church (*Acts 14:23; Titus 1:5; 20:17-18, 28; 1 Peter 5:1-2; Heb. 13:17; Col. 1:28; Eph. 4:15-16*)

Application Questions:

1. What was your church experience like growing up? What did you think about church as a child? What have you learned about church since then?

2. Spend some time reading 1 Timothy 3:1-13, Titus 1:5-9, and Acts 6:1-4. How would you describe the role of the Elders in the church? What about Deacons?

3. How would you describe the role of each church member in the life of the church? What verses / passages come to mind?

4. Read Jesus's prayer for His disciples [and us!] in John 17:20-26. What was Jesus's prayer for us? What does it mean for believers to be one?

5. How does God forming us to become "perfectly one" testify to the world that Jesus was sent from God [John 17:23]?

6. What ways are you currently using your gifts to bless the church? Who could you be bringing along with you to do the work of that ministry?

7. What do you want to see God do in and through Christ's Church in the coming months and years?

*** What do we want to see God do in our and through Christ's Church?**

