

Becoming a Biblical Leader

October 2, 2024

Chapter Three, Section One

Understanding Biblical Church Leadership

THE PURPOSE OF THE CHURCH

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- Goals of the study
 - 1) To help every person deepen his/her understanding of what it means to be a member of a local church
 - 2) To equip every person to be a more effective witness

Monthly Schedule: *Becoming a Biblical Leader*

Wednesday Evenings

1st- 3rd Wednesday: Teaching 60 minutes/Large Group Q&A 15 min

4th Wednesday: Mentor Group 40 minutes/Memory work 35 min

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TEACHING SCHEDULE

1 st Wednesday	Section 1: Understanding Biblical Church Leadership
2 nd Wednesday	Section 2: Deepening Knowledge for Church Leadership (Bible Survey)
3 rd Wednesday	Sections 2 and 3: Deepening Knowledge for Church Leadership cont'd (Sys Theo)/ Cultivating Character for Biblical Leadership
4 th Wednesday	Mentor Groups and Memory Work (2's and 3's)

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Tonight's Lesson:

Understanding Biblical Church Leadership: THE PURPOSE OF THE CHURCH

Pages 48-53 in *Becoming a Biblical Leader* (pp. 52-57, in Women's edition)

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Key Questions:

Why has God established the church?

Why has God left His redeemed on the earth?

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The Purpose of the Church is:

to glorify God

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What does it mean to *to glorify God*?

- “glory” *kabod*
 - Means: “heaviness, weightiness, impressiveness”
- “glory” strictly speaking is not an attribute of God
 - It is the **impact** of the attributes of God when they are displayed/revealed
 - It is often the visible manifestation of God’s attributes—His power, majesty, goodness, wrath, etc.
- To glorify God requires that we see God as He truly is and respond accordingly

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What does it mean to *to glorify God*?

- To glorify God requires that we see God as He truly is and respond accordingly
 - We see Him as He is and respond appropriately
 - We value Him as we ought; We give appropriate “weight” to Him
 - We love Him; We adore Him; We obey Him

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The Purpose of the Church is:

to glorify God—to see Him as He truly is and respond accordingly

We glorify God: Upwardly in Exaltation (Worship)
Inwardly in Edification
Outward in Evangelism

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What does it mean to *to glorify God upwardly in worship?*

- To glorify God requires that **we** see God as He truly is and respond accordingly
 - Worship flows from seeing God more clearly
 - Romans 11:33-12:1

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What does it mean to *to glorify God upwardly in worship?*

- Worship/Exaltation: We come to see Him as He truly is
 - The primary impetus for true worship is seeing God more clearly
 - This happens in the singing of psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs
 - Prayers
 - The ordinances
 - The preaching of the word
 - Col 3:16; 1 Tim 2:1,2,8; 4:13; 2 Tim 4:1-5

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What does it mean to *to glorify God upwardly in worship?*

- To glorify God requires that we see God as He truly is and respond accordingly—that is, that we worship Him as He directs us to worship Him
 - We worship Him according to His will
 - Exodus 39, 40
 - The regulative principle

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What does it mean to *to glorify God inwardly in edification?*

- Edification: We **help our brothers and sisters** to see Him as He is and encourage them to respond accordingly
 - What does it mean to build up one another?
 - What does it mean to help one another grow?
- Ephesians 4:11-16

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What does it mean to *to glorify God outwardly in evangelism?*

- To glorify God requires that people see God as He truly is and respond accordingly
 - Evangelism: We **help unbelievers** to see Him as He truly is
 - What is more fundamental in evangelism than helping unbelievers see that they are seeing God wrongly and that they need to see Him as He truly is?
 - The gospel is the primary means of doing this
 - Acts 1:8 we are “witnesses” testifying to the truth of who God is

Becoming a Biblical Leader: Next week

Next Week: 2nd Wednesday:

**Deepening Knowledge for Biblical Leadersip:
BIBLE SURVEY**

1 and 2 Kings, 1 and 2 Chronicles, Ezra, Nehemiah, Esther