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# KC Essentials Week 5

### Who is the Church?



□ *Who* is the Church? Not *What* is the Church?

- The Church is not a building, but those people everywhere who call on the name of Christ (1 Cor 1:2-3)
- Ekklessia "Called Out" 1 Pt 2:9... 1 Peter 2:9... But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.
- □ We are God's family (1 John 3:1)
- We are the primary vehicle God has chosen to use to advance His Kingdom (Eph 3:10)

# Who is the Church?



- □ We are to be a colony of heaven on earth (1 Peter 2:9-11)
- □ We are to be a city on a hill (Matt 5:13-16)
  - Play offense
- We are the Bride of Christ telling His love story (Rev 19:7, Col 1:28-29)

# Who Is the Head of the Church?



#### Christ Jesus is the Head of the Church

Ephesians 5:23

[23] For the husband is the head of the wife even as Christ is the head of the church, his body, and is himself its Savior.

# Who Are the Leaders of the Church?



**Elders** 

Deacons & Deaconesses

□ KCWC (King's Chapel Women's Council)

# What is the Goal of Church Leadership

- □ God's glory
- □ The purity of the church
- □ The equipping of the laity (Eph. 4:11-12)
- Ephesians 4:11... And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, [12] to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ,

# **Church Government**



□ Three major types of church government:

- 1. <u>Episcopal</u>: rule by a bishop; power flows down
  - Roman Catholic or Episcopalian churches (like Monarchy in civil government)
- 2. <u>Congregational</u>: rule by the congregation; no flow of authority power resides in all members
  - □ Baptist or most Community Churches (like pure democracy)
- 3. <u>Representative</u>: rule by elders, elected by people; power resides in them as governed by God's Word
  - Presbyterian or Reformed Churches (like republic)
  - □ King's Chapel

## King's Chapel Officers & Leaders

#### The Call to Office

- Not an issue of status or power
- □ Set apart by God (Acts 20:28)
- □ Begins with <u>Godly aspiration</u> (1 Tim 3:1)



# King's Chapel Officer

- Who Should Become an Officer?
- □ One called by God (Acts 20:28)
- □ How to discern God's call:
  - 1. A desire to serve 1 Tim 3:1 a willingness to work
  - 2. Having the necessary spiritual gifts to serve
  - 3. Manifesting the biblical character qualities
  - 4. Knowledge of and commitment to the doctrine of the church
  - 5. Outward confirmation by the church (Acts 6:1-8)

# King's Chapel Officers & Leaders



A Prospective Officer & Leader at King's Chapel Must Be:

- 1. An active member
- 2. Qualified according to 1 Timothy 3 and Titus 1
- 3. Nominated by congregation
- 4. Trained by the pastor
- 5. Elected by the congregation
- 6. Installed

# Responsibilities of an Officer & Leader

- □ Exemplary role model
- Maintaining a growing personal relationship with the Lord
- Being an effective witness words (1 Peter 3:15) and deeds (Matt 5:16)

# Responsibilities of an Officer & Leader

- □ Faithful in your involvement:
  - Worship & prayer
  - KC Group & Discipleship
  - □ Serve
- Give generously to support ministry of church at least tithing to general operating budget
- Use your spiritual gift(s)

#### **Office of Elder**



2 Greek words used interchangeably: Titus 1:5-7; Acts 20:17-28

Presbuteros - Elder, Presbyter

□ Reference to age, wisdom & authority

□ His character and maturity - who he is

Episcopos - Overseer, Bishop

Reference to oversight of the flock

□ His work - what he does

#### **Office of Elder**



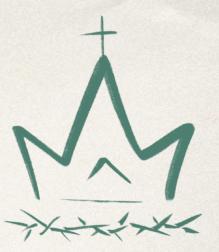
Ministry Responsibilities - as Shepherds & Leaders

- Shepherding
- Teaching
- Overseeing



# Functions of an Elder

- 1. To care for the flock 1 Tim 3:5
- 2. To feed the flock 1 Thes. 5:12, Ps. 23:1-3
- 3. To pray for the flock Acts 6:4
- 4. To guide the flock Ps. 23:3
- 5. To correct the flock Matt. 18:15-17
- 6. To guard the flock Acts 20:28-31



Deacon - Servant or Minister

□ New Testament origin - Acts 6:1-7

- Spiritual ministry to those in need of physical necessities of life
- Providing assistance to apostles (elders), freeing them for the ministry of the Word & prayer

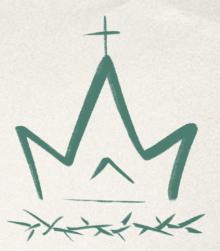


□ Responsibility:

- To render humble service for the benefit of others within the church and out in the community
- □ An office of sympathy & service
- Meeting human needs through deeds (I John 3:17-18)



- □ Humble service? Is this "too low" for an officer?
- □ Life & ministry of Jesus:
  - □ Mark 10:42-45 came to "deacon"
  - □ John 13:1-20 Mark of the Towel
  - Luke 24:19, Matt 11:1-5, Luke 22:24-27 Ministry of Word and deed



- 1. Carry on a Ministry of Mercy
  - □ Evidence of the reality of our Faith Matt 25:44
  - Natural response of a recipient of God's mercy & grace Luke
    6:35-36, Matt 18:23-35
  - Meeting the needs of others within the body (Gal 6:10) and outside the church (Luke 10:25)
- 2. Care for the church property
  - Like Levites of OT, keeping all in proper repair (Num 3:17, 25-37)

# Role of a Deacon & Deaconess



- 3. Preparation for worship facilities and grounds
  - To be a place of beauty to glorify God (Exod 25:1-9, Haggai 1:2-8)
- 4. Oversee financial matters
  - □ Offerings
  - Addressing financial needs the poor in the community, members in financial crisis, training in financial management (budgeting & getting out of debt)

# Role of a Deacon & Deaconess



5. Develop members into stewards

 Mobilizing members for various mercy & service ministries \*\*This is key! Not doing it all, but mobilizing others!



□ Focusing on mercy & service to the body

- Individual members and the community
- Focusing on members' stewardship and mobilization to serve

# Kings Chapel Women' Council "KCWC"



 Godly & mature women who provide assistance to the elders and help them shepherd the Church

 Instruct the younger women through teaching and mentoring



## **King's Chapel**

#### □ Questions?