



KC Essentials

Week 5

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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)

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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)

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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.

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Who Are the Leaders of the Church?



- Pastor
- Elders
- Deacons & Deaconesses
- KCWC (King's Chapel Women's Council)

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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,*

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Church Government



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

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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)

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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

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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)

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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)

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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

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Office of Elder



Ministry Responsibilities - as Shepherds & Leaders

- Shepherding
- Teaching
- Overseeing

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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

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Office of Deacon & Deaconess



- 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

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Office of Deacon & Deaconess



- 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)

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Office of Deacon & Deaconess



- 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

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Office of Deacon & Deaconess



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)

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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)

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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!

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Office of Deacon & Deaconess



BOTTOM LINE:

- Focusing on mercy & service to the body
 - Individual members and the community
- Focusing on members' stewardship and mobilization to serve

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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

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