

Churches: Getting them Healthy; Keeping them Healthy

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1. Identifying and training shepherds:
 - a. Not just _____.
 - b. But _____ and _____ throughout the church.
 - c. There is a shepherding context that goes far broader than just _____.
 - d. Identifying and training men, women, youth, and the elderly to shepherd at every level is not just a good idea, it's _____.
2. In Patrick Lencioni's book *The Advantage* he says if he had to choose between being _____ or _____, he would choose being healthier ever time.
3. The church is a _____.
 - a. Anytime you are talking about something that is alive, _____ is essential.
 - b. In the NT _____ through _____ are all health books.
4. Addressing the "health issue"
 - a. We are reluctant to address it because _____.
 - b. We can have a wrong _____ of what health looks like.
 - c. Our tendency is to try everything _____ does.
 - d. The health of the _____ has a huge influence on everything else.
 - e. Dealing with the health issues can be _____ and _____.

5. Helping a church address it's "health issues."

- a. First come to terms with the _____.
- b. Then you can ask the question: _____?
 - i. What needs to _____?
 - ii. What needs to _____?
 - iii. What needs to _____?
- c. When we look at the "what needs to stay", we are acknowledging those things that have been _____.
- d. You have to ask, "What needs to go" because _____.
- e. The answer to "What needs to be added" are things that will _____.
- f. The book "Simple Church" gets at the idea that: _____ and _____.

6. Foundation stones for evaluating and processing church health:

- a. The ability to apply _____ to every facet of our life, ministry and relationships.
 - i. If you get _____ right you get everything right.
 - ii. If you get _____ wrong you get everything wrong.
 - iii. Jesus not only saves us from sin, but to _____.
 - iv. Getting Jesus right creates a relational climate that's _____.
- b. A _____ community.
 - i. Covenant community is a pledge to _____.
 - ii. The gospel applied is _____.
 - iii. In covenant relationship I have to practice _____.

- iv. To the degree I practice truth well, I have good _____.
- c. The third foundation stone is _____.
 - i. In the book "The Rise of Christianity" the author (Rodney Stark) concludes the way the church grew was: "They _____ it out and they _____ it with other people around them."
 - ii. _____ is a picture of proclamation.
 - iii. Good shepherding always has an _____ edge.
- d. The fourth foundation stone is good _____.
 - i. Shepherding begins with _____ a person's need.
 - ii. Shepherding bring a relevant _____ to meet that need.
 - iii. Shepherding includes helping a person _____ the gospel to their life.
- e. The fifth foundation stone is _____.
- f. The mortar that holds the stones together is _____.

7. Outcomes of doing a "healthy Church" evaluation:

- a. Believers start to identify _____ in their sphere of influence.
- b. The hope that people can actually come to Christ changes their _____ life as well as their _____.
- c. One of the keys is to learn to manage our _____.
- d. We need to spend less time trying to be responsible and more time managing our _____ responsibly.

8. Takeaways:

- a. You can't _____ or _____ your way out of unhealth.
- b. Evaluations are easier if you make it a _____.
- c. Shepherding need to be assessed on whether it's producing _____.
- d. Discern your _____.
 - i. Who am I influencing?
 - ii. Do I have the right tools to do that well?