

Serving in Multicultural Ministry 2022

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Session 4

Leadership Influence and Vision

“He who is Greatest among you shall be your servant. And whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted” (Matt 23:11-12 NKJV).



Key Scripture (Rev 1:3 KJV)

“Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein: for the time is at hand” (cf. Luke 11:28).

Instructional Overview

Big Ideas:

- Your personal vision aligns to what God is doing in history according to His mission.
- All God was incarnate in Christ. The fullness of the Church is sent. Believers are God’s called out people. The Lord calls us to be just, calls us to feed His sheep, calls us to mission.
- With the authority of the Name, comes the responsibility to use His name. If we accept the authority, we must accept the responsibility of the Name.

Essential Questions

- In what ways do the overcoming statements correlate and drive your personal visioning statement as a servant leader in a multicultural church?

Learning Outcomes

- Students will exegete the rewards and applications to overcoming in Christ as pastoral leaders in visioning, and then apply it to their personal ministry as servant pastors at Lighthouse Church of All Nations

Paired Discussion

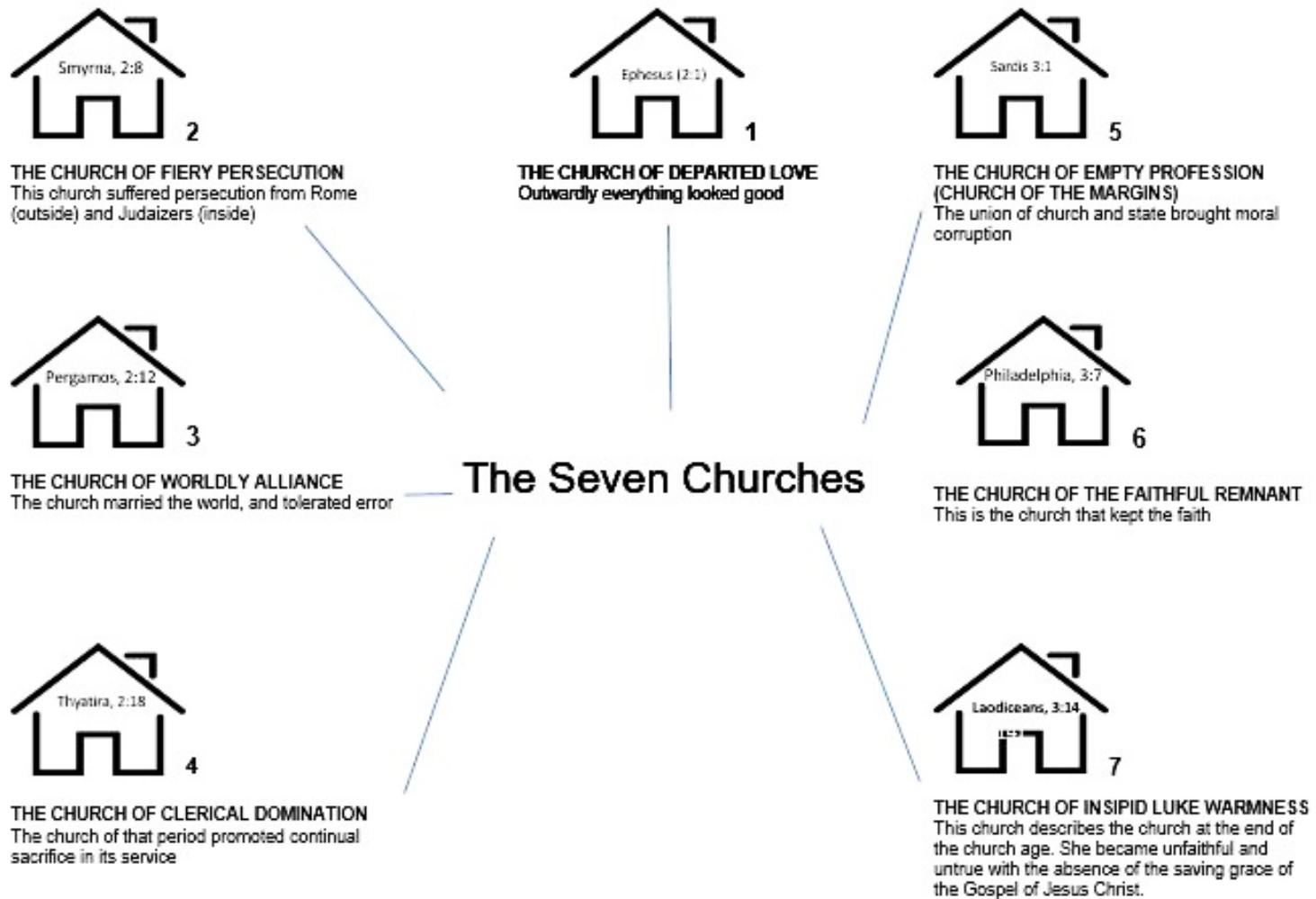
Directions

- Teacher will assign pairs to discuss the below questions.
- Each has three minutes to discuss the paired team's question.
- Debrief and report out.

Questions

- Team 1: What is the relationship between wearing the identity of Christ and Christian ethics?
- Team 2: How do the seven pillars of servant of the Lord relate to your identity in Christ according to the Beatitudes (as pastoral leaders)?
- Team 3: Love, perfection, and obedience run through the Beatitudes. How do love, perfection, and obedience relate to the Beatitude character traits for pastoral leaders in their vertical and horizontal relationships?

Lecture



Seven Churches: Commendations, Condemnations, Rewards, & Application

Activity 3

Directions:

- The teacher will assign pairs to study the assigned church in Scripture,
- Each pair will determine (a) rewards and (b) applications to overcoming in Christ as pastoral leaders in visioneering.
- Write your responses on chart paper and share with class.
- Pair 1: Smyrna and Pergamos -- Pair 2: Thyatira and Sardis -- Pair 3: Philadelphia and Laodicea

	Church	Commendations	Condemnations	Rewards	Applications
1	EPHESUS (2:1) (PASTOR MARRION) “To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the midst of the paradise of God” (2:7 Overcoming #1)	(1) Works (Toil and persistent endurance (v.2a) (2) Intolerance for evildoers (vv. 2, 3) (3) Tribulation (Endured and bore much for Jesus’ name sake, v. 3b) (4) Tested for false prophets (v. 6) (5) Shared with Christ His dislike for Nicolaitanes (v. 6; cf. Acts 20:17, 29)	(1) Left their First Love that they had at first (Rev 2:4; cf. Matt 23:12; Phil 1:21) (2) Remember how far they fell Note: Love for God, demands love for others...Mutually exclusive. This was a second-generation church caught up in doctrine. They lost the First Love that they had at first. Their early love had grown cold in search of orthodoxy.	OVERCOMING #1 (1) “To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the midst of the paradise of God” (2:7) (2) Receive the crown of life (3) Not suffer a second death	WHAT SHOULD DO THEY DO? (1) Be an overcomer (2) Be steadfast (3) Hear what the Word says (4) Truly repent and come unto yourself (2:5) (5) Do the works they did at first

	Church	Commendations	Condemnations	Rewards	Applications
2	<p>Smyrna (2:8) "He that overcometh shall not be hurt of the second death (2:11) (Overcoming #2)</p>		No condemnations	OVERCOMING #2	WHAT SHALL THEY DO?
3	<p>Pergamos (2:12) "To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the hidden manna, and will give him a white stone, and in the stone a new name written, which no man knoweth saving he that receiveth it" (2:17) (Overcoming #3)</p>			OVERCOMING #3	WHAT SHALL THEY DO?

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4	Thyatira (2:18) "He that overcometh, and keepeth my works unto the end, to him will I give power over the nations:" (2:26) (Overcoming #4)			OVERCOMING #4	WHAT SHALL THEY DO?
5	Sardis (3:1) "He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life, but I will confess his name before my Father, and before his angels" (3:5) (Overcoming #5)			OVERCOMING #5	WHAT SHALL THEY DO?

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6	<p>Philadelphia (3:7)</p> <p>"Him that overcometh will I make a pillar in the temple of my God, and he shall go no more out: and I will write upon him the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God, which is new Jerusalem, which cometh down out of heaven from my God: and I will write upon him my new name" (3:12).</p> <p>(Overcoming #6)</p>			OVERCOMING #6	WHAT SHALL THEY DO?
7	<p>Laodiceans (3:14)</p> <p>"To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and sit down with my Father in his throne" (3:21 Overcoming 7).</p>			OVERCOMING #7	WHAT SHALL THEY DO?

Socratic Discussion

Directions:

- Students will arrange their chairs into a circle.
- In a free-flowing discussion student will discuss the below prompt.
- Students should keep response time in mind. Speak concisely and briefly, so all classmates have a chance to speak.
- Also, students should let everyone have a turn keeping in mind those who haven't spoke. (Don't monopolize the discussion.)
- **Prompt:** How does each of the overcoming statements apply to (a) accomplish your personal visioneering in your call to Pastor and (b) lead to influence as servants in a multicultural context?

Notes:

Pray Out

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Due April 28, 2022

Read

Review readers from prior weeks

Part I. Visioneering Plan for Pastoral Leadership (1400 - 1700 words)

A. Theology of Pastoral Leadership

Write about the right meaning, right attitudes/beliefs, and right practices of a pastor based on associated Scripture and readings from sessions one to four. (I want to see the scriptures you learned in class and readings put into action and quotes as appropriate in your paper.) Use second-level sub headers at the left margin (Right Meaning, Right Attitude/Beliefs, and Right Practices). It will make your paper easy to follow for you and me.

B. Self-Analysis of Pastoral Leadership Skills

1. Self assessment of the extent to which you meet or don't meet the right meaning, right attitudes/beliefs and practices of a pastor based on what you wrote in Part 1. Add second-level headers at the left margin in this section, too (Right Meaning, Right Attitude/Beliefs, and Right Practices. Remember we all have room for continual growth!!! Address everything you wrote in the first part, which should align to the topics from sessions one to four.
2. Six-month action plan for self-improvement as you ready yourself for pastoral ordination. Add another second-level sub header here labeled, "Six-Month Action Plan."

Other Directions

- Consider this an integration paper, of which you will address everything you learned in class and then apply it to pastoral leadership. Think at the pastoral level, keeping the theme of servant in mind.
- Do integrate how you will lead pastorally in a multicultural church.
- Develop your paper evenly. You should write approximately 700 words for each part, one and two.
- You must type it. (I will not accept handwritten.) – Do add introductory and closing paragraphs.
- Include two first-level sub headers (centered) labeled “Theology of Pastoral Leadership” and “Self-Analysis of Pastoral Leadership Skills.”
- Provide introductory and closing paragraphs. Incorporate and thesis statement and key points, and then stick to it. You should present a cohesive and coherent paper.
- Double space your paper.
- Follow APA and SBL formatting.
- Write tight, with substance (See ANLI Writing guidelines for assistance.)

Part II. Prayer (150-200 words)

Write a personal prayer for overcoming that touches on each of the seven overcoming statements.

Part III. Leadership Application (300 to 500 words)

Pastor Phil, in *A Speck in Specs*, said, “I can imagine that it was a difficult task for the army of Israel to kill all the people in a city. Also, it is hard to kill the things that lead us to sin. It means giving up some things you love and ending or separating yourself from some relationships. It is about killing things that will separate you from Christ. It is hard to do, but it will be worth it” (2013, Section 4, para 3). How does his quote connect to the seven overcoming statements?

