

Agape Leadership and Teams Meeting | Carpe Diem

Sunday, January 23, 2022 | 11 am

Agenda

- Prayer
- INSPIRE | DLP Address
- Leadership Equity
- Getting People Involved Today and Beyond
- FYI Matters
- Q & A
- Adjournment

I've already shared a lot regarding our 2022 theme "Carpe Diem". In the interest of time, I will forgo a recap of recent Sunday messages. However, please review and be clear on the things presented.

Change is a Part of Life

- Change has happened. Remember where you were and what you were doing on 9/11?
- What has changed since 9/11?
- What has changed since the beginning of COVID-19?

Church Change Since Covid-19

- The former way of measuring church health: ABC (Attendance, Buildings, Cash) has changed.
- The pandemic has created disruptions. It has forced changed.

My task today is to help you with perspective. It's to help you see things beyond your tribe and bubble.

Throughout the Bible we see God uses bad things for the good. Remember Romans 8:28.

- God knew the propensity of the Israelites to go on as if nothing changed. We do the same today.
- If we are not careful we will long too much for the normal past and overlook what God is about to do.
- God wants us to do the unconventional and take risks.
- What decisions should we make to change the trajectory of our future?

The Work of the LORD

Jesus said to them, “My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me, and to finish His work. (John 4:34)

- What is your business? My business is trust.
- What do you do for a living? I think for a living.
- I create and innovate.
- The fruit of my work grows on other people’s trees.

Inspiring and Aspiring Leadership

1. Inspiring

Uninspiring leaders are like wet matches. They cannot ignite a fire. When inspiration goes away the motivation goes away.

2. Aspiring

Aspiring leaders want the organization to succeed.

Salt and Light

¹³ “You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt loses its flavor, how shall it be seasoned? It is then good for nothing but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot by men.

¹⁴ “You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵ Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all *who are* in the house. ¹⁶ Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven. (Matthew 5:13-16)

- Salt and light.
- Influence and impact.
- Our sphere of influence is far greater than what we give ourselves credit. E.g., When speaking I am speaking to far more people than physically in the room.
- Impact. What, who, where and how—are we impacting?

Team Questions

1. What impact do we want to make?
2. What ideas do we have to impact?
3. How do we implement the ideas?
4. How do we measure impact?

Volunteerism

Too often volunteers are engaged with their hands rather than hearts. Moreover, volunteers don’t are not always receiving care from their leaders. They are neglected and taken for

granted. Remember volunteers give of their greatest asset—time. They give time with no check involved. We must better engage volunteers at the heart level.

Jesus spent time pouring into His disciples before assigning tasks.

The Volunteer Approach

- Heart, head, hands.
- Feel, think, do.

Never estimate the power of feeling. Engage the heart first.

We're a team. E.g., When I'm preaching in front of the camera AMG is preaching from behind the camera.

- What areas need to be changed now with tomorrow and beyond in mind?
- Stop focusing on who's not working out, leaving or not doing their job.
- Focus instead on others that God has sent with willing hearts. They may be raw, but soon they will be royal *and* loyal.

Five Questions to Ask Yourself Re: Ministry in a Pandemic

1. What do I stop?

Some things need to stop. Some things need to die. Let them die and don't attempt a resurrection. Everything is not perpetual.

Fear is the cause of much resistance to stop or kill some things.

Average churches put most of their resources into things they're trying to resurrect. Above average, successful churches put their resources in new opportunities.

2. What do I start?

It's also a great time to start things. Carpe Diem. Redeem the time. Seize every God giving opportunity.

3. What do I suspend?

Suspend for a later time to focus on other pressing things. Create a margin of thought. Things will be addressed but at another time.

4. What do I sustain? Determine what should continue.

5. What do I speed? Identify the things that bring the highest return.