



EQUIPPING LEADER MINISTRIES
CATCHING THE NEXT WAVE OF MINISTRY

BUILDING BLOCK 1

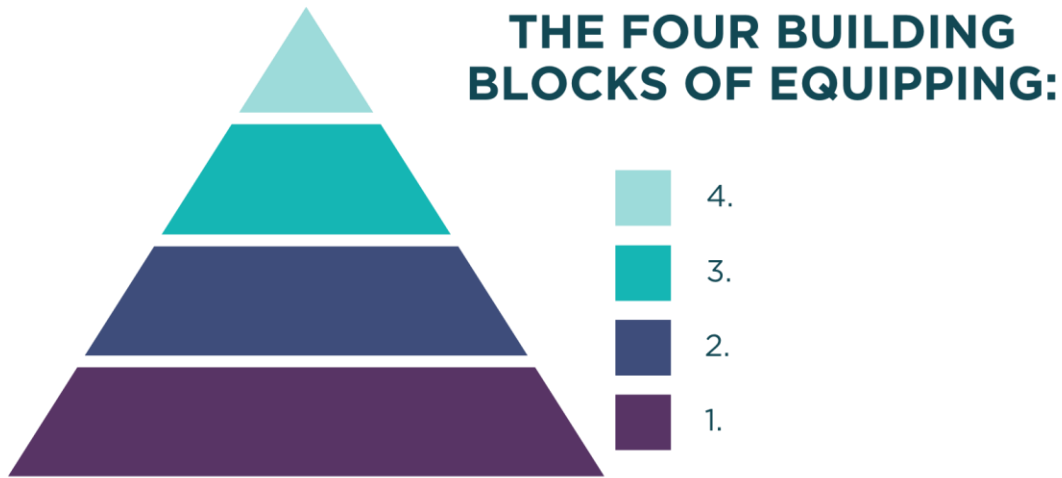
IDENTITY



MODULE ONE: It All Starts with Identity
MODULE TWO: Influence & Spiritual
Authority in the Church

WORKSHEET

REVIEW OF THE FOUR BUILDING BLOCKS:



INFLUENCE AND SPIRITUAL AUTHORITY IN THE CHURCH

Jesus called them together and said, "You know that those who are regarded as rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them. Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant..." -Mark 10:42-43

WHAT IS THE CHURCH?

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WHAT IS THE CHURCH, REALLY?

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Definition of Ekklesia:

ONE DEFINITION OF THE CHURCH IS...

“A people who find their ultimate identity as beloved children of God and are set apart by God to (as a community) usher in his Kingdom.”

WHAT DID JESUS SAY ABOUT THE CHURCH?

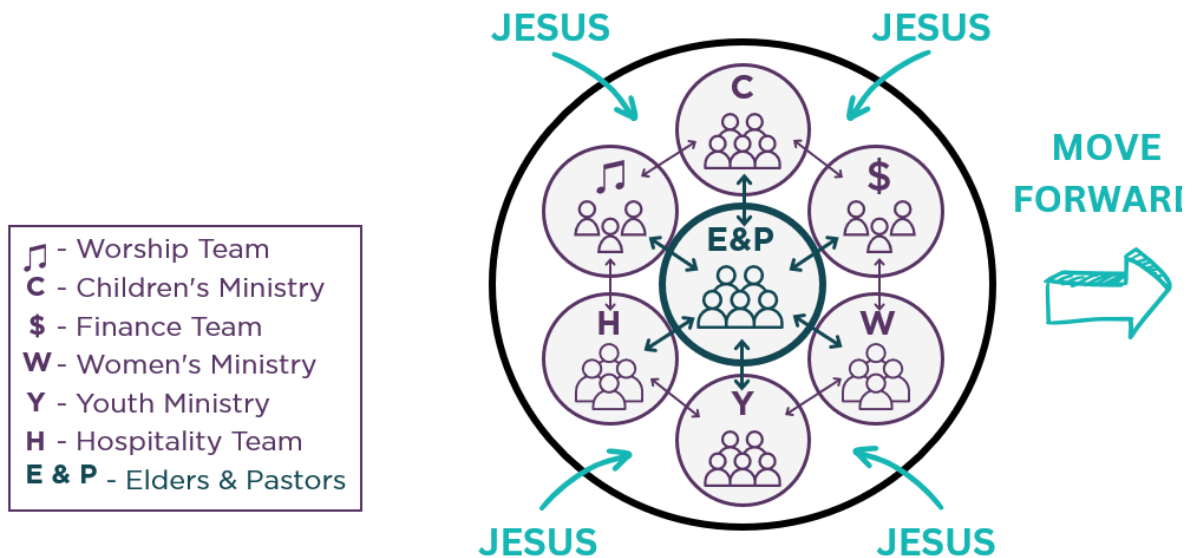
“But what about you?” he asked. “Who do you say I am?”

Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.”

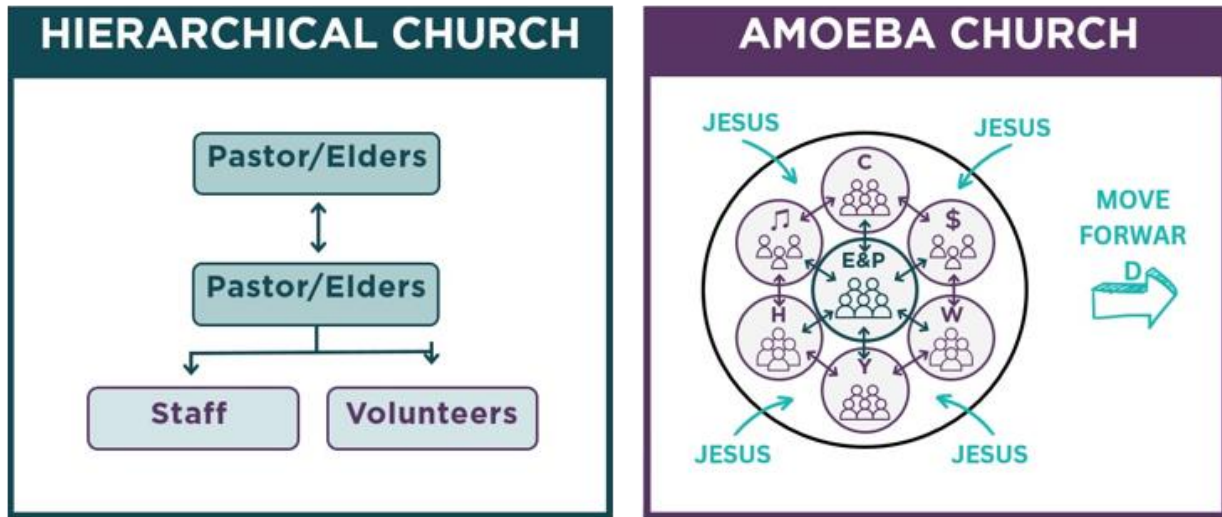
Jesus replied, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by flesh and blood, but by my Father in heaven. And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it.” -Matthew 16:15-18

HOW “THE CHURCH” REALLY WORKS

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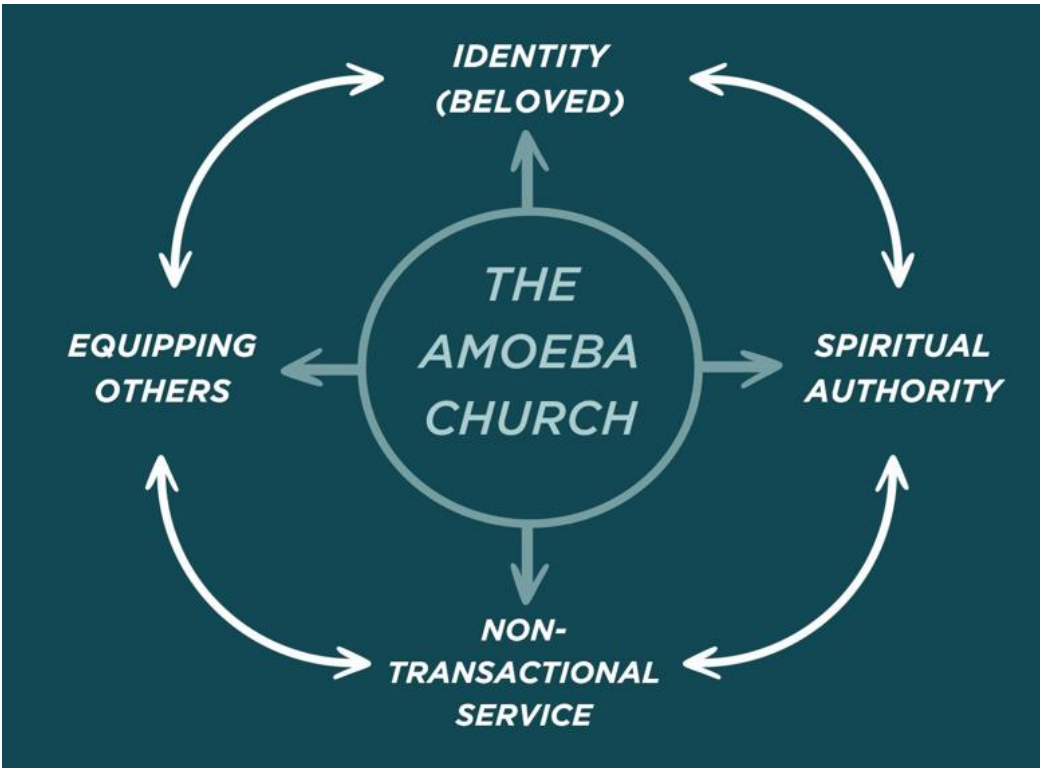


HIERARCHIAL VS. AMOEBIA CHURCH



How does leadership differ in these two models?

- Hierarchical is _____ -centered vs. Amoeba is _____ -centered
- Hierarchical emphasizes Positional _____ authority vs. _____ authority
- Hierarchical focuses on (arguments over) _____ vs. Amoeba highlights _____
- Hierarchical is often easier and faster to make things happen, vs. Amoeba, which while slow, creates _____, _____ and greater commitment to the cause



DISCUSSION:

- What is the definition of "influence"?
- Who gives it?
- Why do they give it?
- When is that healthy and when is it toxic?

PART 2

DEFINITION OF SPIRITUAL AUTHORITY:

What is it?

*The right to influence _____

* Spiritually-minded people will then allow the equipper to influence them.

PEOPLE FOLLOW EQUIPPERS WITH SPIRITUAL AUTHORITY BECAUSE THEY...

- Inspire _____
- Model _____
- Are _____

SPIRITUAL AUTHORITY DEVELOPS IN EQUIPPERS/LEADERS WHEN THEY...

- Experience _____
- Practice _____
- Use _____ for God's Kingdom.

HABITS OF SPIRITUAL AUTHORITY:

- Pray _____
- Think _____
- Sacrifice _____
- Recognize _____

MORE HABITS OF SPIRITUAL AUTHORITY:

- Respond _____ to leadership “hits.”
- Invite, rather than _____.
- Equip _____ and _____.

REFLECTION:

Review your notes and ask yourself:

- What is God speaking to me about in this process?

Share with someone:

- How am I going to respond to God’s voice/apply insights to my life/work?
- Who can help me by providing resources, encouragement, and accountability?

SUPPORTING SCRIPTURE:

“And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it.” Matthew 16:18

“When teaching that he is the Bread of Life, and that his disciples must eat his body and drink his blood. He met pushback. On hearing it, many of his disciples said, ‘This is a hard teaching. Who can accept it?’ Aware that his disciples were grumbling about this, Jesus said to them, ‘Does this offend you? Then what if you see the Son of Man ascend to where he was before! The Spirit gives life; the flesh counts for nothing. The words I have spoken to you—they are full of the Spirit and life. Yet there are some of you who do not believe.’ From this time many of his disciples turned back and no longer followed him.” John 6:60-64, 66

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“...he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross!” Philippians 2:6-8

“And a voice from heaven said, “This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased.” Matthew 3:17

“While he was still speaking, a bright cloud covered them, and a voice from the cloud said, “This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased. Listen to him!” Matthew 17:5

“This is how we know that we live in him and he in us: He has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. If anyone acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God, God lives in them and they in God. And so we know and rely on the love God has for us.”

1 John 4:13-16

Jesus gave them this answer: “Very truly I tell you, the Son can do nothing by himself; he can do only what he sees his Father doing, because whatever the Father does the Son also does. For the Father loves the Son and shows him all he does. Yes, and he will show him even greater works than these, so that you will be amazed. For just as the Father raises the dead and gives them life, even so the Son gives life to whom he is pleased to give it.” John 5:19-21

“The reason my Father loves me is that I lay down my life—only to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down and authority to take it up again. This command I received from my Father.” John 10:17-18

“Jesus replied, “If I glorify myself, my glory means nothing. My Father, whom you claim as your God, is the one who glorifies me.” John 8:54

“...apart from me you can do nothing.” John 15:5

“I can do all this through him who gives me strength.” Philippians 4:13

“There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love.” 1 John 4:18

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