

Ministering Christ to Hearts

Small Group Leaders Training Session
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Introduction

The goal of every Christian leader

To minister Christ to the hearts of people . . .
To present people complete in Christ (Colossians 1:28) . . .

How the goal is accomplished

Help people to see Christ
To see Christ is to be like him (1 John 3:2)
To see Christ is to be complete in him (2 Corinthians 3:18; 4:6)

What is the obstacle?

Everyone has seeing problems
This is not coincidental or accidental
The devil blinds people to Christ (2 Corinthians 4:4)
How to detect seeing problems
Tell-tale signs
The problem beneath the problem
We don't want to see Christ
We want to pursue life our way

The solution

A seeing remedy
A new focus
See Job 42:5-6

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Opening Eyes to Christ

I. Exalt Christ in your life and ministry

Study the love of Christ (Ephesians 3:19)
Be moved by love for Christ (2 Corinthians 5:14-15)
Speak much of love for Christ (Spurgeon)

II. Match the ministry of Christ to the needs of people

- A. Fear or insecurity – Mark 6:45-53
- B. Emptiness or loss of meaning – Ephesians 3:14-21
- C. Despair or discouragement or defeat – Colossians 3:1-4
- D. Inadequacy or pride – Ephesians 2:1-10

III. Challenge the vision of people

Expose faulty sight lines
Expose source of faulty sight lines

IV. Pray with people for new eyes

Identifying source of help
Identifying nature of plea – Ephesians 1:15-22; Colossians 1:9

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