

Advanced Kingdom Leadership

Module 12 – Session 3: Apostolic Foundations and Mobilizing the Church

Overview

This session explores the root cause of the Church's loss of influence and the need to return to an apostolic foundation.

It emphasizes disciple-making, leadership development, and mobilization as the primary mission of the Church.

The Apostolic Foundation

The early Church was built on an apostolic model focused on sending and multiplying.

Jesus commissioned believers to go, make disciples, and raise up future leaders.

The Great Commission

The mission of the Church is to make disciples who make disciples.

This creates generational multiplication and sustained Kingdom impact.

From Apostolic to Pastoral Focus

Over time, the Church shifted from an apostolic model to a primarily pastoral model.

This moved the focus from mobilizing people to caring for and maintaining them.

From Movement to Maintenance

The Church has transitioned from being a sending movement to a care-centered organization.

While care is important, it should not replace mobilization and mission.

The Priesthood of Every Believer

The Reformation introduced the idea that every believer is called to ministry.
However, this truth was not fully implemented in the structure of the Church.

Consumer Christianity

Many believers have become spectators rather than active participants.
A small percentage of people carry most of the responsibility for ministry.

Stage-Centered Ministry

Churches have become centered around events, services, and a few visible leaders.
This limits the development and activation of the broader body.

The Need for Disciple-Making

Jesus did not command the Church to build services, but to make disciples.
True transformation happens through intentional relationships and personal investment.

Leadership Development Focus

Leaders must prioritize developing people through mentoring and one-on-one investment.
This creates multiplication and prepares future leaders.

Concentric Leadership

Leaders can effectively develop a limited number of people directly.
Those individuals then develop others, creating exponential growth.

Shifting Success Metrics

Success should not be measured by attendance or finances alone.
True success is measured by disciples made, leaders developed, and community impact.

Identity, Authority, and Destiny

Believers must understand who they are in Christ and their authority in the Kingdom.

They must also discover and pursue their God-given purpose.

Leadership Application

Leaders must shift their focus toward disciple-making and leadership development.

Intentional investment in people creates multiplication and long-term impact.

Questions

Are you prioritizing disciple-making or simply managing responsibilities?

How can you invest more intentionally in developing others?

What changes are needed to align your leadership with an apostolic model?

Activation

Reflect on how you can begin investing in others more intentionally.

Identify one person you can mentor and help develop into their calling.