

Routine Shepherding

Lecture Outline *Part 1 of 4*

I. Introduction

A. Two illustrations:

B. In times past, visitation was the way a pastor or elder got to know his people.

C. I often hear people say, “The elders don’t seem to care about me. I missed church for a month straight and no one knew I was gone me.”

D. The forms may change, but the n_____ are same.

II. Elders Need to Know the People in Order to Care for Them, to Even Know *How* to Care for Them.

A. Modern ways for knowing your congregation vary.

B. Nothing replaces spending time, l_____ to people, hearing not just their words but also their hearts.

C. Do you need to be a sociologist to know the needs of people? NO!

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III. An Understanding of “Personal, Pastoral Shepherding” (PPS)

A. PPS is connecting with a person in the love of Christ with the goal of encouraging him in his spiritual walk with the Lord.

1. Three kinds of pastoral care:

2. Shepherding, of course, is a m_____ for pastoral ministry.

3. A shepherd knows his sheep, by spending time with them.

4. Personal, pastoral shepherding begins, in the best case scenario, before any critical needs arise.

B. Personal, pastoral shepherding demonstrates:

1. People are _____ to us.

2. We are _____ of their needs.

3. We _____ for them.

C. Personal, pastoral shepherding involves:

1. The spiritual person – y_____.

2. Divine empowerment – H_____.

3. Godly wisdom – w_____.

D. Personal, pastoral shepherding takes place at specific times in specific places.

1. An elder meets a person, with the intentional _____ on that person’s spiritual life.

2. It must be _____ in the love of God and motivated by His grace.

3. In education circles, there is what is called a lesson plan.

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IV. Objectives in a Personal, Pastoral Shepherding Event

- A. Showing i_____ and concern
- B. Encouraging a f_____ response to their current situation
- C. L_____ to suggestions and complaints
- D. Determining needs that require h_____
- E. Strengthening r_____
- F. Assisting with p_____ (illness, family, grievance)
- G. Comforting by prayer and Scripture

V. Kinds of Pastoral Events

- A. One-minute s_____
- B. Meet for coffee
- C. Attend their children's events
- D. Email/snail mail shepherding

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VI. Kinds of Pastoral Events (cont.)

E. Hospitality

F. Visit in their home

VII. Develop a Plan