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Christ's School of Ministry

Speaking Topic Overview

Formal education and practical training in preparing for ministry has helped many meet the basic requirements for a leadership appointment required by most denominations and fellowships.

However, studies¹ indicate that most pastors and ministers feel they are inadequately prepared for the many challenges in leadership and shepherding God's flock. It is heart breaking to see so many in leadership quit, and what is even more troubling is the frequent news headlines of pastors and ministry leaders falling from grace, become embroiled in public scandal.

Reviewing Scripture, we see how Christ prepared and trained his disciples and followers (including the Apostle Paul) for the difficulties of leadership in ministering His Gospel. We refer to this training as Christ's School of Ministry. This school is encountered in everyday life, where the sincere follower of Christ becomes equipped for ministry through the discipline of the Lord.

This two-hour presentation lays out Christ's harder teachings that few in leadership embrace, where the old nature becomes crucified and the call of God comes to fruition. Pastor Pretlow shares from his own years of wilderness training in the discipline of the Lord, and how Christ's School of Ministry truly equips the bondservant of Christ for ministry.

The Recommended text to help one get the most out of this and other speaking topics is the following book entitled:

Equipped for Life and Ministry in the Last Days ISBN 978-1-943412-13-6.

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¹ **Pastoral Care Inc. Online Report:** 90% of pastors report the ministry was completely different than what they thought it would be like before they entered the ministry. 53% of pastors report that the seminary did not prepare them for the ministry. 1 out of every 10 pastors will actually retire as a pastor.