



MUSTARD SEED LEADERSHIP PODCAST

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2) The Mobilising Leader - Unity & Maturity

Why and how we build through others

Big call to action is "Don't focus on church growth, focus on church mobilisation"

Ephesians 4:11-13 (NIV)

11 So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers,

12 to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up

13 until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.

The leadership and ministry gifts Jesus gives the church are designed to EQUIP - like push starting a car - to MOBILISE the people of God

So far: Why mobilise?

1. Mobilising the church leads to GROWTH

Today's topic: Why Mobilise? Because mobilisation leads to unity and maturity

2. UNITY

ILLUST: When sheep are on the move with a shepherd they are united

- When the shepherd stops
- They begin to spread out
- When the people of God are doing what they are called to do, there will generally be a greater sense of mission and unity in the church

Ephesians 1:9-10 (NIV)

9 he made known to us the mystery of his will according to his good pleasure, which he purposed in Christ, 10 to be put into effect when the times reach their fulfillment—to bring unity to all things in heaven and on earth under Christ.

BIG IDEA: The more we are 'under Christ', the more united we will be

- Mobilising people to actively follow Christ brings them under the Lordship of Jesus

Eg. The call of Peter, Andrew, James & John were all to follow

Eg. When Jesus called Matthew it was to follow

As leaders we should not be calling people to SPECTATE

- We call people to actively follow Jesus
- That means mobilisation
- And as people come under his leadership or Lordship it results in unity

MOBILISING PEOPLE UNITES PEOPLE

3. MATURITY

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GROWTH + UNITY = MATURITY

As people switch from spectator mode to involved and serving mode

- As people begin to serve Jesus with their gifts
- They grow in their relationship with God and others
- And they grow as they work as part of a team
- The end result is MATURITY - becoming more and more like Jesus

ILLUSTRATION:

One of my favourite examples of how someone grew and matured when they were mobilised is Paul the apostle

- For many years after his conversion he was at his hometown of Tarsus - seemingly inactive
- Then Barnabas was sent to plant the church in Antioch and knew that he needed help
- He travelled all the way to Tarsus to find Paul and brought him to Antioch to help teach and lead the early church
- This act of mobilising led to the rapid growth of Paul
- He was united into the church with the other saints and apostles
- He matured in his faith
- And was soon released as an apostle to change the world!

Something powerful happens when we mobilise people and get them involved

- This is the type of leader that God has called us to be

DON'T FOCUS ON CHURCH GROWTH, FOCUS ON CHURCH MOBILISATION

QUESTIONS:

1. Can you remember what triggered you to first get involved in actively serving the Lord with your gifts?
2. What role can leaders play in helping activate people in their serving gifts?
3. Can you identify two or three people in your circle of influence that you could help mobilise to greater service?