



MUSTARD SEED LEADERSHIP PODCAST

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3) The Mobilising Leader - Stability & Diversity

Why and how we build through others

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

Ephesians 4:11-16 (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.

14 Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of people in their deceitful scheming. 15 Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, 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
2. Mobilising the church leads to UNITY and MATURITY

Today's topic: Why Mobilise? Because mobilisation leads to STABILITY and DIVERSITY

4. STABILITY

Eph 4:14 Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of people in their deceitful scheming

When a church and leadership model are designed to keep people in spectator mode

- It leaves the people in immaturity and vulnerable
- A mature people can discern the accuracy of the Word of God for themselves
- A mature people we are mobilised to study God's word for themselves know how to chew on the meat of God's Word

ILLUST: Type of fox that goes from bringing the food, rabbit or dassie, to the den

- To burying it near the entrance to the den
- Makes the young cubs go and find their own food
- He is mobilising them to hunt for themselves
- Further and further from the den he hides it
- He is breaking their dependency on him

That is the goal of he mobilising leader

- To break dependency
- To build away from themselves
- To create stability and strength in those that follow

After 3 years of discipling his team, Jesus said these amazing words to them:

John 16:7 (NIV)
7 But very truly I tell you, it is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you.

Jesus mobilised them to maturity and stability so that they could stand on their own feet by the power of the Holy Spirit

- This is the goal of the mobilising leader!

5. **DIVERSITY**

One final BIG WHY of why being a mobilising leader is so important:

Eph 4:15 Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ.

When we mobilise others into their gifting, we benefit from a greater diversity of gifts and strengths and cultures

Example: Early says of church plant the church was dominated by my and my wife’s gifting

- Teaching and passion for the nations
- But as more leaders were mobilised the overall expression of Jesus through the church grew
- Strong prophetic gift released in our first elders
- Strong evangelistic gift leading teams

One of my favourite leaders in the Bible is Barnabas - spoken of him many times

- He was a great mobilising leader - mobilising Paul and others

Acts 13:1-2 (NIV)
1 Now in the church at Antioch there were prophets and teachers: Barnabas, Simeon called Niger, Lucius of Cyrene, Manaen (who had been brought up with Herod the tetrarch) and Saul. 2 While they were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, “Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them.”

Not just a diversity of gifts - prophets, teachers and apostles
But of cultures - Jewish, African, Greek & Roman

And it was this church with its amazing diversity that Jesus used as a BASE church to plant churches and advance the gospel

CHALLENGE:

To be a mobilising leader - building away from yourself, empowering others and getting them active in their gifting has many advantages

1. It brings growth to them and the church
2. It leads to unity
3. To maturity
4. To stability
5. To diversity

That’s why being a mobilising leader is so important!

QUESTIONS:

1. Can you remember a time in your past when you were stretched to use your gifts? How did it impact your growth?
2. Of the five BIG WHY’s of a mobilising leader, which of them do you think is the most important and why?

3. Which of the BIG WHY's does your church or organisation need most?