

Acts 1:1-8

Leslie Newbigin (British theological and missionary, 1909-1998) – The Church is the pilgrim people of God. It is on the move – hastening to the ends of the earth to beseech all people to be reconciled to God. It cannot be understood rightly except in a perspective that is missionary.

Matthew 16:15-18; 1 Peter 2:7

Mark 10:45; Philippians 2:6-8

Philippians 2:5

What does a shepherd do?

- **State the priority**
- **See the potential**
- **Set the pace**
- **Shift the perspective**

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April 27	Attitude: From Self to Servant
May 4	Ministry: From Work to Worship
May 11	Family Ministry: From Programs to Parenting
May 18	Group Life: From Sitting to Stirring
May 25	Discipleship: From Information to Imitation
June 1	Under 18 (Preschool/Children/Students): From Tomorrow to Today
June 8	Worship: From Singing a Song to Being a Song
June 15	Biblical Masculinity: From Boys and Bros to Priests and Warriors

Philippians 3:4-11

Philippians 1:15-17

Self: When we embrace a selfish attitude, we become capable of proclaiming the right message in public, but God knows the private motives of our hearts.

Servant: When we adopt a servant attitude, we become capable of proclaiming the right message in public with empathy for the mission rather than envy of fellow messengers.

How can we *have this mind which is yours in Christ Jesus*?

- 1. Confess Christ personally and regularly**
Matthew 16:16
Philippians 2:6-11
- 2. Combat jealousy with thankfulness and contentment**
Philippians 1:18
- 3. Refuse self-promotion**
Philippians 2:6-8
- 4. Focus on the mission, proclaiming Christ**
John 3:36-30
Isaiah 1:13-15
Genesis 3:5-6
- 5. Pray for a continual spirit of unity under our unique mission**
Philippians 1:3-11

***I am like James and John* by Robert Raines**

I am like James and John

Lord, I size up other people

*in terms of what they can do for me;
how they can further my program,
feed my ego,
satisfy my needs,
give me strategic advantage.*

I will exploit people,

*ostensibly for your sake,
but really for my own sake.*

Lord, I turn to you

*to get the inside track
and obtain special favors,
your direction for my schemes,
your power for my projects,
your sanction for my ambitions,
your blank checks for whatever I want.*

I am like James and John.

Scripture Reading: *1 John 2:7-17*