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DISCUSSION GUIDE - Feb. 23, 2025

On ordination (introduction of Dr. Shane Brooks)
Tommy Miller, Legacy Church

SUMMARY

We all represent Christ to the world and have an informal ministry through which we affect those around us — a metron. Five-fold impartational ministry is different. It requires the authorization of a human. One can be empowered by God, but the biblical model for five-fold ministry is to be authorized by a human — just like Jesus. In the New Testament, if someone has the title of “apostle,” another apostle recognized and authorized that gift and office in them.

KEY VERSES

- Matthew chapter 3
- 2 Corinthians 10:13-16

QUESTIONS

- How many sermons did Jesus preach before He was 30? Why?
- Who authorized Jesus’ ministry?

GLOSSARY ITEMS

- *ekklesia* (Greek)
- metron
- accountability vs. control

SEEDS FOR DISCUSSION

What we believe governs someone’s ministry, which we’ve codified as an ordination creed:

- I carry the culture of heaven.
- I am a unique expression of Christ.
- I recognize the role of apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers in bringing the body of Christ to maturity.
- I am a Fathering leader, raising up manifest sons of God as the embodiment of the triune God — Father, Son, Holy Spirit.
- I speak words that edify, exhort and comfort, like Jesus. If someone has seen me, they've seen the Father.



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There is no delusion in divinity
Dr. Shane Brooks, Legacy Church

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Guest preacher Dr. Shane Brooks explains that “sin” is a delusion of a distorted identity, and through Christ, we have been freed from this delusion. Sin is not about actions (verbs) but about identity (nouns). We are not trying to become divine — we are discovering our true divine nature in Christ. Our true identity has been established in Christ before the foundations of the world.

ICE BREAKER

What’s a memorable nickname you’ve been given? Did it affect how you felt/feel about yourself?

KEY VERSES

- Romans chapter 6

GLOSSARY ITEMS

- *nekros*
- *hamartia* (sin)

SEEDS FOR DISCUSSION & QUOTES

- In the book of Romans, 41 of the 48 times “sin” is used, it’s used as a noun.
- Delusion is what makes someone a sinner, not behavior.
- We are dead to sin.
- “The traditions of men will make the truth hard to see. Any teaching that distracts from the complete and total success of the cross is a complete waste of time for you to pursue.”
- “Victory over sinning does not come by working on your behavior. Victory over sin comes by believing that you have a new root.”
- “The law was about do, do, do. Grace is about done, done, done.”
- “The law demands from you. Grace will supply to you.”
- “Right believing always precedes right living. The delusion of a distorted identity has been overcome. You gain the nature of God.”