

GLCAC Sunday school – Fall 2013
Sunday school – Spiritual Discipline and Servant Leadership

9/29/2013

Power and Authority

Scripture reading: 1 Tim 3:1-13

Qualification of leaders (all about relationship)

Power/authority/control

→ from a position? OR, → from the Holy Spirit working through a humble servant?

Relationship
Love

Institutional power vs. quality of the leader

What about the current perception of power as leaders?

[R: Appearance is everything]

“The healing service last week was powerful: we all felt the power.”

“The (church) has powerful programs.”

“Institutions divide people up according to institutional power and status... where everyone fits – what your place is, and how it compares to those above or below...”

Scripture reading: Matthew 28: 18-20

[R: The church is not a chain of command but a network of love 愛網]

Authority is given only by God (Mt 23:1) – in Moses’ seat of authority

Control, measure, and evaluate (2 Corinthians 13:1-10; 5 vs. 1 Chronicles 21:1-7) – self-evaluation vs. numbers (remember: God adds people to the believers – Acts 2:47)

Scripture reading: Phil 2: 19-30

Example: Timothy 提摩太 and Epaphrodius 以巴弗提

- Unity in spirit and style (同心所包含的范围)
- Orientation (向着基督或自己)
- Attitude (agent or principle)

Their struggles:

Self confidence

Stewardship – resources (时间, 人力, 金钱)

Scripture reading: Ephesians 5: 1-20

[W: Reflection on stewardship]

- Live wisely (Eph 5:15-16)
- Live for today?! (Proverbs 27:1; John 9:4)
- Live accountably (Romans 14:12)
- Live to give (willingly – 2 Cor 9:7)(systematically – 2 Cor 8:7-8 [in love]; Luke 6:38 [in money])