



# Leadership Through Discipleship

Learning to Lead  
by Living to Follow

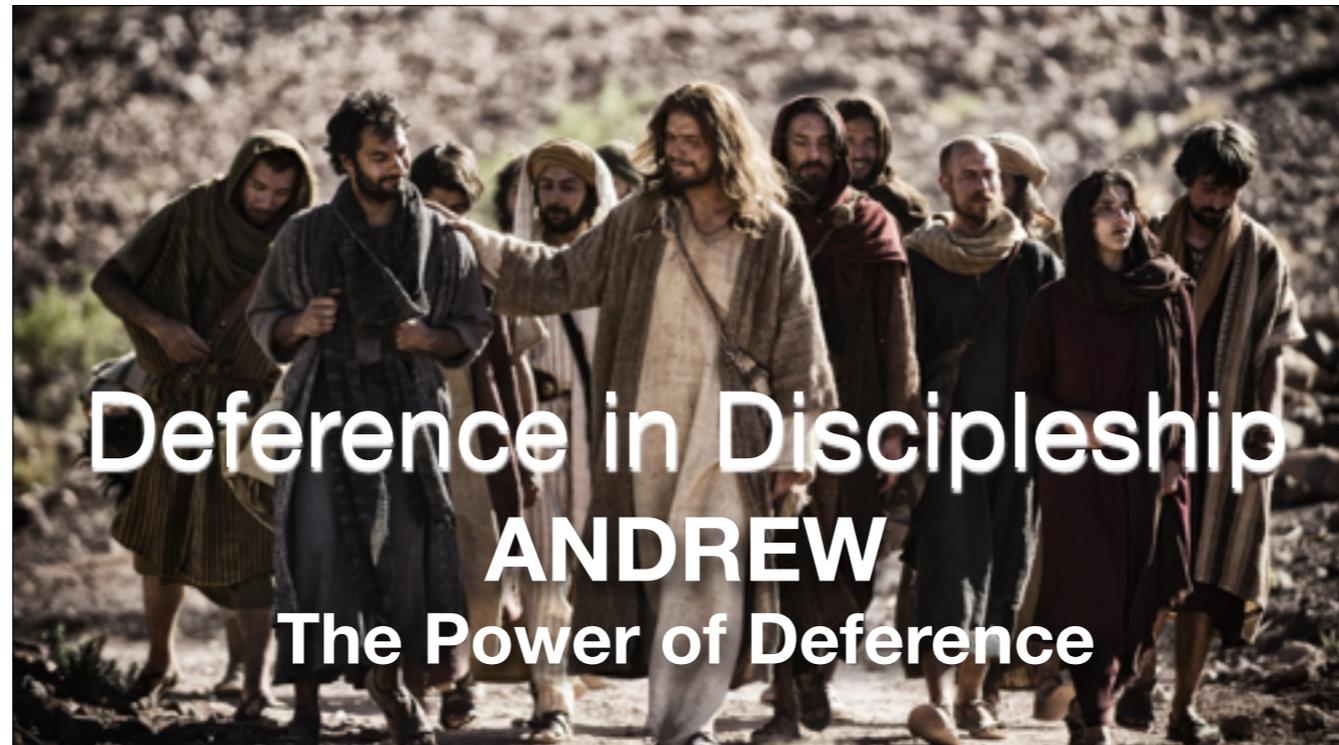
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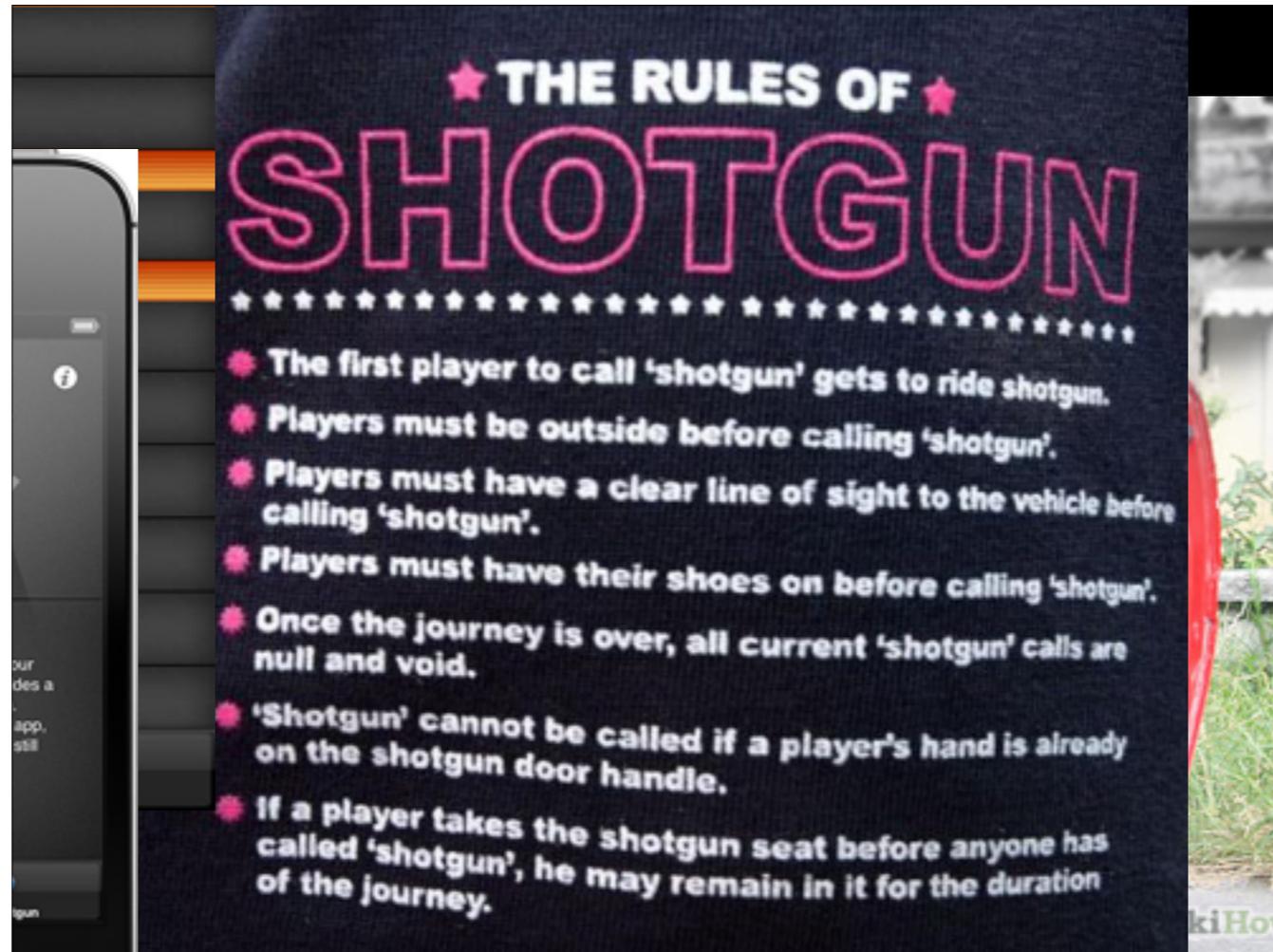
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Andrew – The Power of Deference

Last week we studied James–The Power of Secondary Leadership

— Andrew shows us how to prefer others and defer to another’s gift of leadership

An unselfish leader develops others’ potential that will eclipse their own abilities. Success is sometimes taking a back seat to a brother’s promotion.



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## Andrew The Power of Deference



- A disciple of John the Baptist
- May have been the first disciple
- Introduced to the “Lamb of God”

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Andrew was originally a disciple of John the Baptist. He was one of the two who were directed toward the Messiah by the Baptizer himself. None of the Gospel writers were there to witness this event. Perhaps Andrew shared his story with John, the brother of James, who recorded it in his Gospel. We only know of this part of the story from John’s record.

According to the Gospel of John it appears that Andrew could have been one of the first disciples to follow Jesus.

Two disciples of John the Baptist were watching as Jesus passed by. John proclaimed Him to be “the Lamb of God.” (Read John 1:35–42.)

# Andrew meets Jesus

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—From that moment the two disciples left John to follow after Jesus. One of them was identified in Scripture as being Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter. Andrew was not content just to have found a Rabbi, he sought out his brother saying, “We found the Messiah!” and he brought him to Jesus.

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# The Call of Andrew

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What do the Gospels reveal about Andrew?

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20 They immediately left their nets and followed Him.

(Also see Mark 1:16-18)



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(Also see list in Mark 3:14–19)

# Healing of Peter's mother-in-law

- Mark 1:29-31 — Now as soon as they had come out of the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John.
- But Simon's wife's mother lay sick with a fever, and they told Him about her at once. So He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up, and immediately the fever left her. And she served them.

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2 And Jesus answered and said to him, "Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone shall be left upon another, that shall not be thrown down."

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## Feeding of the 5,000

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John 6:8-9 One of His disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to Him, "There is a lad here who has five barley loaves and two small fish, but what are they among so many?"

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John 6:4 Now the Passover, a feast of the Jews, was near. 5 Then Jesus lifted up His eyes, and seeing a great multitude coming toward Him, He said to Philip, "Where shall we buy bread, that these may eat?" 6 But this He said to test him, for He Himself knew what He would do. 7 Philip answered Him, "Two hundred denarii worth of bread is not sufficient for them, that every one of them may have a little." 8 One of His disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to Him, 9 "There is a lad here who has five barley loaves and two small fish, but what are they among so many?"

# 4 principles to learn from Andrew

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## **1. Deference in leadership will cause you to prefer others.**

It will make you desire salvation for your family even if it means that you fade in the background shadow of one you mentored. Deference will cause you to take a supporting role leaving the headliner position for someone you coached. It will cause you to be surrender your life to be a minor player in the biggest game of life.

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### **2. Deference in leadership will cause you to empower others.**

It produces the gift of enablement. Recognizing what others need. Helping others to achieve success. Helping others to be empowered for ministry.

His gift was as an enabler, one who was happy to help others find fulfillment. It was Andrew who saw the need when Jesus taught the massive crowd in the mountain across the Sea of Galilee. There was no place to send them to eat, no place to purchase food even if they had the resources, yet Jesus asked “Where can we buy bread for them to eat?”

Andrew, the enabler, came to the Lord and suggested that one lad had a lunch with him of five barley loaves and two small fish. Then, almost apologetically asked, “But what are they among so many?” (John 6:9). However, Jesus took the meager offering and multiplied it to feed the massive multitude.

John 6:8–11 –the feeding of the 5,000

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### **3. Deference in leadership will cause you to develop networks to help others succeed.**

It will inspire working together with others for the greatest benefit to everyone.

(The Spock quote: "The sacrifice of the few, for the good of the many.")

According to one blogger "Basically, Spock sacrificed himself to save the ship. In III, he comes back to life, but Kirk sacrifices NCC-1701 and his son in order to save Spock and protect a deadly weapon, a case where the needs of the one outweighed the needs of the many (somewhat). As Spock likes to point out, it's not logical, but it's very human."

John 12:20-23 -Greeks, "We would see Jesus."

On this occasion some Greeks had come to celebrate on one of the feast days. They heard of Jesus and sought him out. They found Philip and asked to see Jesus. Philip came to Andrew and Andrew brought him to Jesus. Andrew was always the enabler, helping others to succeed, assisting others to find their place. He was not one who sought the limelight or desired preeminence. Through this disciple we can learn the power of deference, the strength that comes through helping others succeed.

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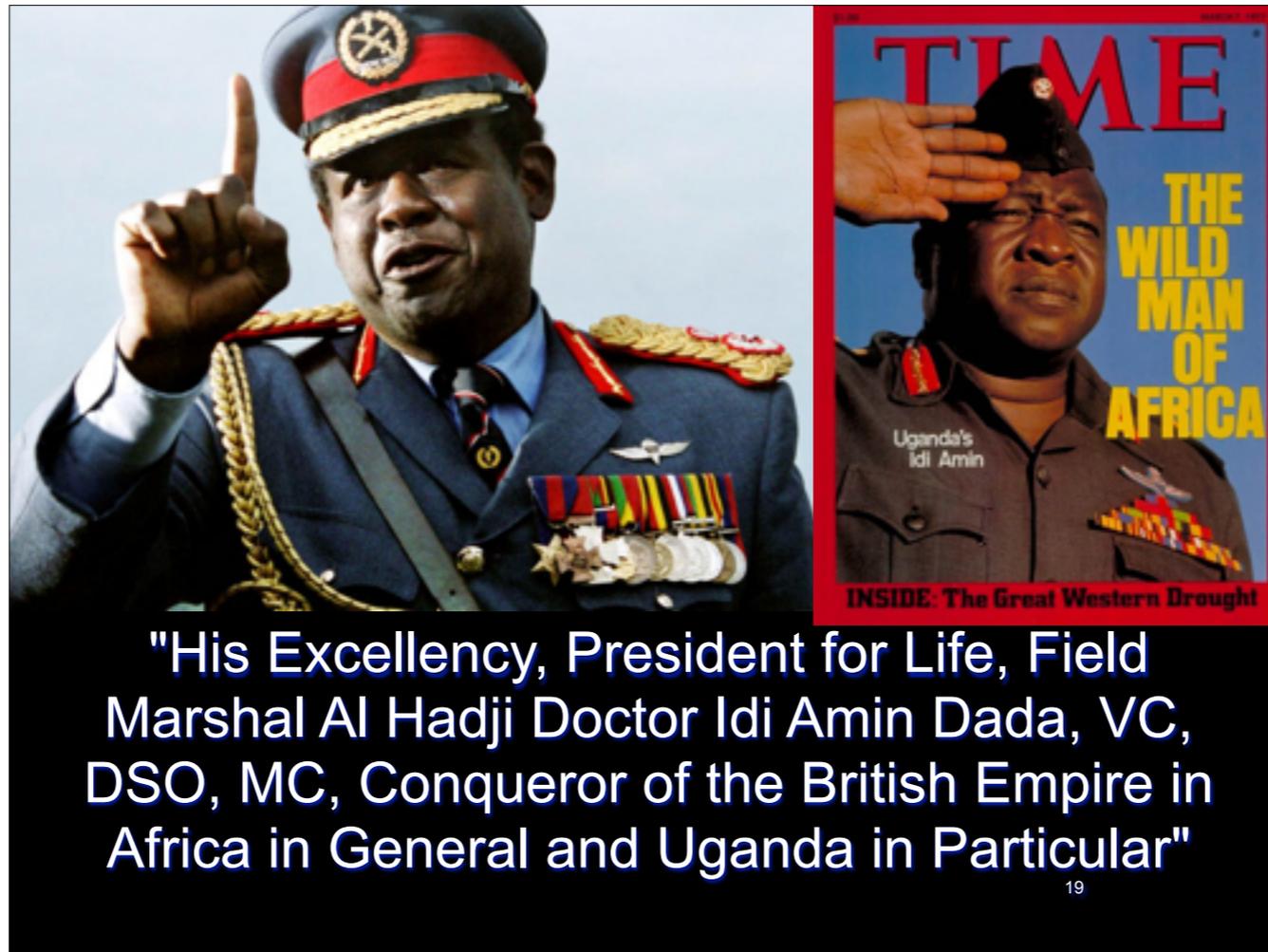
Enable you to produce leaders that will take your job and your place. This is the success of discipleship leadership.

- The primary principle of this kingdom is "disciples making disciples."
- "Go and make disciples."

NKJ Matthew 28:19 "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 "teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Amen.

- It's the law of replication and replacement.

(Garner as youth pastor)



Dictators don't usually have successors...

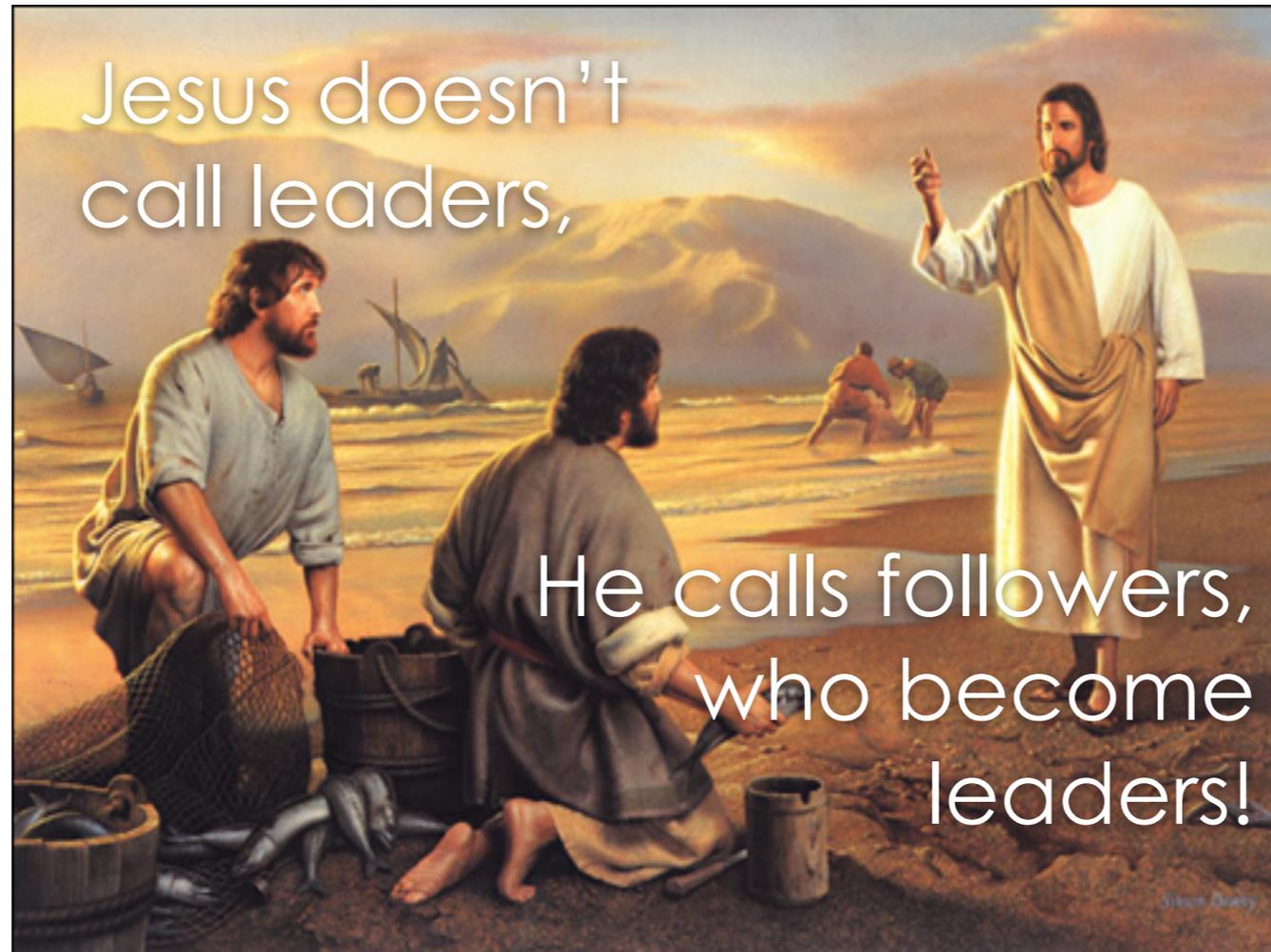
Idi Amin Dada (c.1925 - 16 August 2003) was the military dictator and President of Uganda from 1971 to 1979. The last two years Amin titled himself as "His Excellency, President for Life, Field Marshal Al Hadji Doctor Idi Amin Dada, VC, DSO, MC, Conqueror of the British Empire in Africa in General and Uganda in Particular"

## Andrew The Power of Deference



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We often forget what we were before the Lord found us in our sin, saved us, and called us to be disciples. Or we excuse our lack of maturity and failure to change saying, "That's just the way I am."

Jesus does not call us just to be robotic followers. He does not mass produce disciples with mindless allegiance. Rather He calls us into a dynamic relationship. He treats us all as special individuals. Each of us is a unique design. His plan for your life is "one of a kind." He is not interested in blind followers but intelligent, passionate, and devoted disciples, developing and deciding day by day to grow in our relationship with Him.

There is a difference in being just a follower and truly being a disciple!

Jesus doesn't call leaders,  
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#### Seeking Places of honor

NKJ Luke 14:8 "When you are invited by anyone to a wedding feast, do not sit down in the best place, lest one more honorable than you be invited by him; 9 "and he who invited you and him come and say to you, 'Give place to this man,' and then you begin with shame to take the lowest place.

10 "But when you are invited, go and sit down in the lowest place, so that when he who invited you comes he may say to you, 'Friend, go up higher.' Then you will have glory in the presence of those who sit at the table with you.

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... with a basin and a towel  
He taught them to serve

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A principle of Jesus was introduced that was contrary to the popular thinking of the day and the worldview of our day. In the kingdom of God the greatest are those who serve. James begins to learn that leadership is not always who is “first” or “eldest” or “positions of authority” but to serve from a secondary place, to prefer others, to prefer his brother.

Jesus taught that disciple leaders would be greatest when they learn to serve. “Whoever desires to become great among you shall be your servant. And whoever of you desires to be first shall be slave of all.” Apparently, James learns the lesson in leadership. Never again is there a request for position or any evidence of selfish promotion. If anything James becomes less known as Peter and John assume more visible leadership roles in the emerging church.