

Who Leads Your Church?

The key skill to making disciples and planting churches is an ability to recognize God's voice. Do we know when he is speaking to us? Can we distinguish his voice from our own thoughts?

Many of us have learned how to do this on an individual basis, but how many churches put into practice the fact that "we have the mind of Christ"? Together we can hear his plans and directions for us. Is Jesus the one who leads your church? The church that meets in our home is in a transitional phase.

We have become a very close-knit group over the time we have met together. We are now fairly sure that the Lord is leading us to multiply out into various different groups with an emphasis on reaching out to those who do not yet know Him. So last Friday, when we came together, we set aside part of our time together to listen to him about the future of our church. God spoke clearly.

Each of us spent time on our own listening to Jesus and asking Him the question, "Jesus, what is Your vision and plan for us as Your body?" When we came back, some had pictures, others had a series of words, there was a clear passage of Scripture. And there was a common theme.

Although we need to spend more time weighing what the Lord said to us, the general sense was very clear. We will need to ask the Lord more questions about how to put into practice what he has told us to do, but "we have the mind of Christ."

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