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Ministry Priorities

Biblical Teaching: The Holy Spirit uses the Word of God to renew our minds and transform us in grace to be more like Christ, more like the image of God we were created to be. Also, all that we do as a church and as individuals should be based on God's revelation. Thus, developing teachings that are theologically and hermeneutically correct and homiletically effective is my highest priority.

Devotions: Daily quiet times of Bible study and prayer are essential for spiritual health and spiritual growth, so one of my teaching priorities is to develop five-day weekly devotions for all who are interested. These devotions should inspire deep prayerful meditation on God's Word and its implications for life.

Staff: One of my top priorities is to ensure that all of the staff and elders are growing spiritually and developing their ministry skills. Some of this attention would be through individual coaching or peer accountability, some through small group environments. I foresee staff meetings being more devotional and developmental than I have observed elsewhere.

Mentoring: Mentoring was modeled by Jesus and accelerated my spiritual growth tremendously. I desire to train people in the principles I was taught and have developed while mentoring others. These principles are easy to follow and provide structure and vision while continuing to allow for flexibility to meet individual needs. My hope is to start several mentoring chains at the church, which would slowly progress to encompass all who desire and need individualized attention. I also plan to provide biblical counsel.

Small Groups: Biblical community is necessary for optimal spiritual growth and for relational and emotional healing. Such biblical community only occurs in groups with leaders who are motivated, properly trained, and well coached, so ongoing development of leaders and development of this ministry is a priority. I am flexible about format – home groups or Sunday classes – so long as we are cultivating biblical community effectively.

Outreach: While I am not gifted in evangelism, I am devoted to it as part of the Great Commission of making new disciples. My goal is that every maturing believer at the church would be prepared and motivated to share a scripturally correct gospel message with non-believers. I also would like to see a monthly outreach event, something like an after-church cookout, which would allow for mingling of the congregation and provide a low-pressure environment for inviting the neighbors.

Minors: I have spent much time ministering to minors, and hope to remain involved once in a while in the children's and youth ministries. Regardless of my time allocation to them, these ministries must remain a priority of the church, especially providing loving and fun environments and correct biblical teachings.

Worship: Worship should glorify God and move people emotionally, while sharing theological truths. I favor creativity in worship, allowing for different types of music and different types of worship and praise. We should be encouraging daily worship by believers too.

Other: There are other ministries of importance, but these are my personal priorities.