

Apply. Do the following:

1. Read or recite Matthew 18:18-20.
2. Pray that the Lord will do through you as he did through the apostles.
3. Ask God to multiply believers, disciples, labourers and churches.
4. Ask the Holy Spirit for a gift to coach others.
5. Complete the Test below.

Test. Tick the best answer to each query.

A. In what way did Jesus and the apostles train labourers?

- ☐ They recruited workers from bible schools.
- ☐ They coached labourers on the job.
- ☐ They hired labourers from other ministries.

B. What kinds of subjects did Paul teach to church elders?

- ☐ Systematic, abstract, Western theology
- ☐ How to outline a sermon or bible study
- ☐ Anything that was profitable to them

C. Who normally started the first few churches in an unreached region?

- ☐ The apostles themselves
- ☐ Persecuted disciples who were scattered everywhere
- ☐ Local believers

D. Who normally started new churches after the apostles departed?

- ☐ Local believers
- ☐ Foreign missionaries
- ☐ Campaign evangelists

E. Who coached new leaders of new churches?

- ☐ Apostles did all the coaching of new leaders.
- ☐ New leaders were sent to urban centres to receive coaching.
- ☐ Leaders of existing churches coached new leaders of new churches.

F. When leaders of existing churches coach new leaders of new churches:

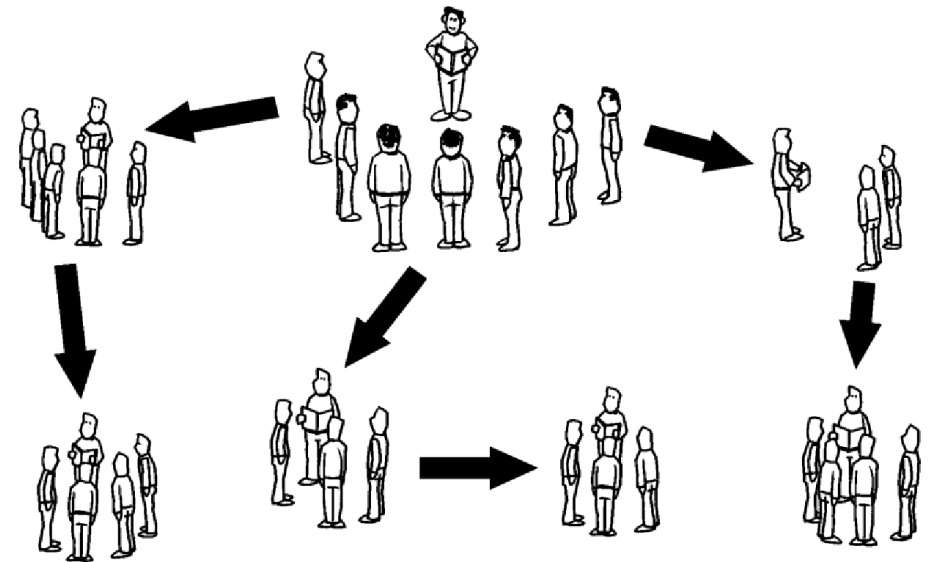
- ☐ Those with more experience help those with less experience.
- ☐ Heresy and divisions will surely creep in.
- ☐ They pool their ignorance and their churches stagnate.

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Module objective: Discover Jesus' and his apostles' coaching methods

Learning objective: Commit to implement biblical coaching patterns

Outcome objective: Labourers coach others to increase church reproduction

Read T&M study 35, *Authority of the Bible*

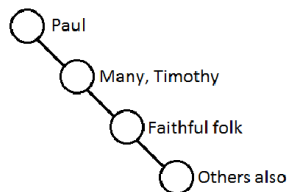
Key scriptures: Luke 9.1-6, Acts 20.20, 2 Timothy 2.1-2

Story. Introduce Reverend Boss who wants his church to grow big, stands and issues orders to his church members, 'Go win souls for Jesus, and to bring them to this church for baptism and to listen to my sermons.' One member asks, 'Could you help us learn how to win souls?' Another, 'Many reside too far away; how can they come to this church?'

Reflect. What could Reverend Boss do to help labourers become more successful in serving Jesus? What could Reverend Boss do to help them start many new churches for new believers?

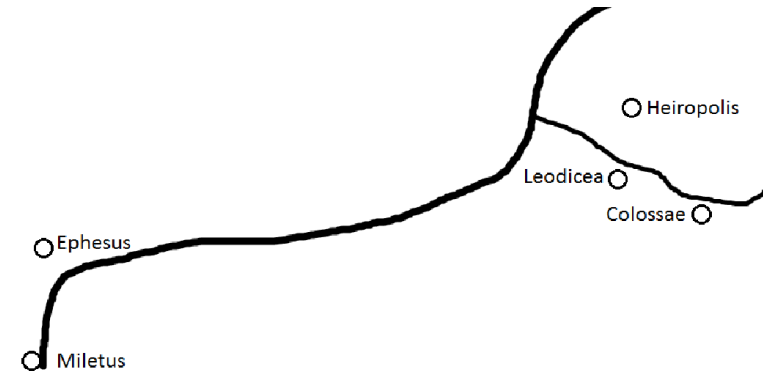
Discover. Read the key scriptures, and reply to this query: ***In what ways did Jesus and his apostles coach new leaders?*** Write your answers here:

Summary. (1) Jesus called a few, gave them authority, and sent them to do all that he himself did. (2) They did their ministry work in unbelievers' homes. (3) Paul coached leaders in public and in homes. (4) He shared with them anything that they needed. (5) Paul and Timothy coached faithful labourers. (6) They coached in a way that others could do the same. (7) They would coach three or more generations of new labourers.



Study. Read through Colossians chapters 1 and 4. Draw a map of all the places and persons who are mentioned. Who were at Ephesus, Colossae, Laodicea and Hierapolis? Remember, Paul was in prison when he and Timothy collaborated on writing this epistle.

Reflect. 'What lessons can you draw from this true story?'



Summary. (1) Epaphras was a 'man of peace' who started a church in his city. (2) Paul served as a coach to Timothy, Timothy to Epaphras, Epaphras to Archippus, and Archippus to Nympha. (3) The Holy Spirit manifested his gifts in every new church. (4) Paul wrote this Epistle as a kind of coaching material that went to all those churches. (5) We all can multiply labourers and churches by coaching several generations of labourers. (6) Our coaching materials should deal with essential doctrines and urgent needs of churches. (7) The coaching method and church-planting model in Colossians remain for us, today.

