



Module CL01

Series: Church Leadership

Title: Environmental Protection

Learning Outcomes:

- Why it's important to create an environment of permission giving.
- You need to separate the important from the urgent.
- Strategies for team-based ministry

Part 1: Learning to say YES

Watch Video: Simon Sinek, “Why good leaders make you feel safe”¹

Notes

Group Discussion

What leaders in your past have made you feel safe? How did they do it?

How could your church become a safer place for experiments to happen?

What could happen if YES was the default answer to new ideas?

¹ http://www.ted.com/talks/simon_sinek_why_good_leaders_make_you_feel_safe

Part 2: Important vs. Urgent

Important activities have an outcome that leads to us achieving our goals, whether these are professional or personal.

Urgent activities demand immediate attention and are usually associated with achieving someone else's goals. They are often the ones we concentrate on and they demand attention because the consequences of not dealing with them are immediate.²

Some activities are both important and urgent; some are neither. The challenge is to not let the urgent activities take up so much time, energy, or resources that there is nothing left for the important things.

It is easy for church leaders to move from crisis to crisis, paying attention to only the most urgent tasks. Unfortunately, often times the most transformation things we can do will never make the top of the list. We cannot ignore the urgent, but we must also intentionally make time for the important.

Group Discussion

List situations that are urgently facing your congregation.

List situations that are important for your congregation to work on.

What happens if the important work gets addressed?

² https://www.mindtools.com/pages/article/newHTE_91.htm