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MODELS & MENTORS
How to Observe and Learn from Great Leaders

STARTING THE YEAR WITH PRAYER AND FASTING
- Start the year by dedicating it to God through prayer and fasting.
- Reflect on the past year to develop clarity for your vision and goals.
- Use this "clean slate" mindset to map out spiritual and leadership priorities.
- Join us for 21 Days of Prayer and Fasting from Jan 5th - 25th **here**!
  - If you are a church leader or pastor, and your church is joining during 21 Days of Prayer, please let the team know **here**.

> If you had a blank slate, how would you write it? - *Chris Hodges*

THE POWER OF MODELS IN LEADERSHIP
- It is essential to learn from models, which are people that you can learn from at a distance.
  - You are not limited to only learning from people you know personally or are around.
- Learn from leaders and organizations that align with your vision.
- Seek models that provide practical systems and strategies for growth.
- Be inspired by proven frameworks, then adapt them to fit your unique context.
- Join us at an upcoming GrowLeader One Day to learn more about Weekend Service and how to reach and disciple the Next Generation **here**.

> "Imitation often beats innovation. You don't have to be first to
> be effective; just do it better." - *Rick Warren*

FINDING AND PURSUING MENTORS
- Identify mentors who can guide you in areas where you need growth.
- Be intentional in pursuing mentors by first adding value to their lives.
- Mentorship should be reciprocal, with both parties benefiting from the relationship.
- When you meet with your mentor, be sure to come prepared for your time together by:
  - Knowing what your mentor cares about and finding ways to add value.
  - Compiling a list of thoughtful questions to ask during your meeting.

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- Go ahead and start collecting questions now that you can bring to your next meeting with your mentor! Examples include:
  1. What are you learning right now?
  2. What is the greatest leadership lesson you are learning or have learned?
  3. How has failure shaped your life?
  4. Who do you know that I should know?
  5. What have you read that I should read?
  6. What have you done that I should do?
  7. What question should I ask that I didn't ask?
  8. How can I add value to you?
- Remember: One mentor might not be able to teach you everything you need to know about everything. Pursue multiple mentors with diverse perspectives or backgrounds.
- If you would like Pastor Chris to be one of your mentors, we would love for you to join us for our next Monthly Mentoring call!
  - On these hour-long calls, you will hear from PC on what he and his team are currently focusing on with the majority of the call dedicated to Q&A where you can ask your most pressing questions! Learn more and join us for our next call **here**.

> "If you're going to have a great mentor in your life,
> you need to be a great student." - *Chris Hodges*

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

See the next pages for Discussion Questions that will help you and your team get the most out of this episode!

EPISODE RESOURCES

- 21 Days of Prayer and Fasting
- NEW GrowLeader One Days
- Monthly Mentoring with PC
- GrowLeader Roundtables
- Build a Legacy of Kingdom Builders Team

- Free Church Resources
- Previous Episodes + Show Notes
- The Wesleyan Investment Foundation
- OneHope
- StudioC

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

Keep growing to reach your full potential by asking yourself and your team these questions:

STARTING THE YEAR WITH PRAYER AND FASTING

1. How can prayer and fasting shape your vision for the new year?

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2. If you had a clean slate and were going to write the script for your professional growth and development as a leader, what would that look like?

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THE POWER OF MODELS IN LEADERSHIP

1. Who are you going to learn from in 2025? *Write down a list of models to learn from here.*

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2. How can you adapt proven strategies to suit your own life, church, or organization?

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FINDING AND PURSUING MENTORS

1. Who is going to be a mentor for you in 2025? *Write down a list of mentors to pursue.*

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2. What steps can you take to add value to your mentors?

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3. What questions can you come prepared with? *Write down a list of questions to ask.*

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