For the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ

EPHESIANS 4:12
To furnish completely, to prepare for something, to train someone so that they are fully qualified

DEFINITION OF EQUIP
The things that you have heard from me among many witnesses, commit these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also.

2 TIMOTHY 2:2
How can you discern which men in have leadership potential?
DIAGNOSTIC QUESTIONS
What is Christian leadership?
Acting to move a group toward godly goals

CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP
LESSON 1: IDENTIFY POTENTIAL

TRAINING

CHURCH LEADERS
OPENING QUESTION

How can a church transition men from functioning members to active leaders?
KEY INSIGHT

Look for personal character and leadership ability in others.
He was well spoken of by the brethren who were at Lystra and Iconium. Paul wanted to have him go on with him. And he took him.

ACTS 16:2-3
When Saul had come to Jerusalem, he tried to join the disciples; but they were all afraid of him, and did not believe that he was a disciple. But Barnabas took him and brought him.

ACTS 9:26-27
DIAGNOSTIC QUESTIONS
OPENING QUESTION

What is the best format or environment for training new leaders?
KEY INSIGHT

Spend quality time with potential leaders, especially by including them in your ministry activities.
He appointed twelve, that they might be with Him and that He might send them out to preach.

MARK 3:14
You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up.

DEUTERONOMY 6:7
But you have carefully followed my doctrine, manner of life, purpose, faith, longsuffering, love, perseverance.

2 TIMOTHY 3:10
DIAGNOSTIC QUESTIONS
LESSON 3: PROVIDE AN EXAMPLE

TRAINING

CHURCH LEADERS
OPENING QUESTION

What does it mean to be an example?
KEY INSIGHT

Provide leaders-in-training with an exemplary pattern to follow.
Hold fast the pattern of sound words which you have heard from me, in faith and love which are in Christ Jesus.

2 TIMOTHY 1:13
An outline or a sketch which you would trace and duplicate

A PATTERN
Brethren, join in following my example, and note those who so walk, as you have us for a pattern.

PHILIPPIANS 3:17
Be an example [pattern] to the believers in word, in conduct, in love, in spirit, in faith, in purity.

1 TIMOTHY 4:12
He took him and circumcised him because of the Jews who were in that region.

ACTS 16:3
DIAGNOSTIC QUESTIONS
LESSON 4: UPHOLD SCRIPTURE
TRAINING
CHURCH LEADERS
OPENING QUESTION

In what ways does your life reveal that Scripture is your guide?
Impress upon rising leaders a total allegiance to the authority of Scripture.
Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

2 TIMOTHY 2:15
Safeguards against empty traditions
Safeguards against “winds of doctrine”
Prevents a leader from faltering
Establishes confidence in God
All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.

2 TIMOTHY 3:16
Preach **the word**! Be ready in season and out of season.

2 TIMOTHY 4:2
These were more fair-minded than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness, and searched the Scriptures daily to find out whether these things were so.

ACTS 17:11
Spend daily personal time in prayerful Bible study

Articulate orthodox doctrinal beliefs

Following biblical ministry practices
DIAGNOSTIC QUESTIONS
LESSON 5: ENTRUST RESPONSIBILITY
TRAINING
CHURCH LEADERS
When did a Christian leader entrust you with an important church responsibility?
Assign important responsibilities to the leaders you are developing.
Increased Ability

Increased Trust

Strategic opportunities to delegate
Immediately the brethren sent Paul away, to go to the sea; but both Silas and Timothy remained there.
He sent into Macedonia two of those who ministered to him, Timothy and Erastus, but he himself stayed in Asia for a time.

ACTS 19:22
Those who conducted Paul brought him to Athens; and receiving a command for Silas and Timothy to come to him with all speed, they departed.

ACTS 19:23
LESSON 6: GIVE AFFIRMATION

TRAINING

CHURCH LEADERS
OPENING QUESTION

Do you recall a moment when a leader spoke words that encouraged and confirmed what you were doing?
Verbally acknowledge the progress you observe in those you are training.
Timothy, a true son in the faith.

1 TIMOTHY 1:2
Do not neglect the gift that is in you, which was given to you by prophecy with the laying on of the hands of the eldership.

1 TIMOTHY 4:14
You know his proven character, that as a son with his father he served with me in the gospel.

PHILIPPIANS 2:20-22
Timothy, our brother and minister of God, and our fellow laborer in the gospel of Christ.

1 THESSALONIANS 3:2
DIAGNOSTIC QUESTIONS
Without ceasing I remember you in my prayers night and day.

2 TIMOTHY 1:3
DIAGNOSTIC QUESTIONS