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Title: Influencers of the Community (Mga Impluwensya ng Komunidad)

Text: Acts 6:1-7

Community a group of people living in the same place or having a particular characteristic in common.
Ang komunidad ay isang pangkat ng mga taong naninirahan sa iisang lugar o may isang partikular na katangiang magkakatulad.

1Timothy 2:3-4 - ³This is good, and pleases God our Savior, ⁴who wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth.

The influence of Jesus on the community is limited to the influence of His leaders on the community.

Ang impluwensya ni Jesus sa komunidad ay limitado sa impluwensya ng Kanyang mga pinuno sa komunidad.

Acts 6:1-7

The Choosing of the Seven

6 In those days when the number of disciples was increasing, the Hellenistic Jews^[a] among them complained against the Hebraic Jews because their widows were being overlooked in the daily distribution of food. ²So the Twelve gathered all the disciples together and said, "It would not be right for us to neglect the ministry of the word of God in order to wait on tables. ³Brothers and sisters, choose seven men from among you who are known to be full of the Spirit and wisdom. We will turn this responsibility over to them ⁴and will give our attention to prayer and the ministry of the word."

⁵This proposal pleased the whole group. They chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit; also Philip, Procorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolas from Antioch, a convert to Judaism. ⁶They presented these men to the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them.

⁷So the word of God spread. The number of disciples in Jerusalem increased rapidly, and a large number of priests became obedient to the faith.

- Leadership is influence (**Russ Barksdale**)
- Everything rises and falls on leadership (**John Maxwell**)
- "The key to successful leadership today is influence not Authority." – Ken Blanchard

A church's influence on its community depends on the number, and the quality of its leaders.
Ang impluwensya ng simbahan sa komunidad nito ay nakasalalay sa bilang, at sa kalidad ng mga pinuno nito.

God raise Christian Leaders that:

Nagtaguyod ang Diyos ng mga Kristiyanong Pinuno na:

1. Influence the disciples of Jesus. – v.1a (Nag-iimpluwensya sa mga disipulo ni Jesus)

In those days when the number of disciples was increasing...

There's a whole book in the Bible called Numbers. **How many times in the Bible does God make sure people are counted?** From the number of people on the Ark to the number of soldiers Gideon had to the number of people Jesus fed on the mountainside, **God cares about numbers. Why? Because each one represents a human being with needs.**

Mayroong isang buong aklat sa Bibliya na tinatawag na Numbers. **Ilang beses sa Bibliya tinitiyak ng Diyos na mabibilang ang mga tao?** Mula sa bilang ng mga tao sa Arko hanggang sa bilang ng mga kawal ni Gideon hanggang sa bilang ng mga taong pinakain ni Jesus sa gilid ng bundok, **nagmamalasakit ang Diyos sa mga bilang. Bakit? Dahil ang bawat isa ay kumakatawan sa isang tao na may mga pangangailangan.**

Numbers is a serious concern to God. There are many accounts in the Bible does God make sure people are counted. Why? Because each person represents a need and God want to meet that need through His Church.

Ang mga numero ay isang seryosong alalahanin sa Diyos. Maraming mga ulat sa Bibliya ang tinitiyak ng Diyos na mabibilang ang mga tao. Bakit? Dahil ang bawat tao ay kumakatawan sa isang pangangailangan at nais ng Diyos na matugunan ang pangangailangang iyon sa pamamagitan ng Kanyang Simbahan.

Luke 10:2 He told them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field."

2. Influence the Ministry - v.1b (Nag-iimpluwensya sa ministeryo)

"the Hellenistic Jews^[a] among them complained against the Hebraic Jews because their widows were being overlooked in the daily distribution of food."

That's what ministry is all about: meeting human needs. And the more people God sends our way, the more needs we have. And the more needs we have, guess what? The more leaders we need.

Iyan ang kahulugan ng ministeryo: pagtugon sa mga pangangailangan ng tao. At kung mas maraming tao ang ipinadala ng Diyos sa atin, mas maraming pangangailangan ang mayroon tayo. At ang dami nating pangangailangan, guess what? Ang mas maraming pinuno ang kailangan natin.

3. Influence fellow Leaders.- vv.2-6 (Nag-iimpluwensya sa kapwa pinuno)

"So the Twelve gathered all the disciples together and said, "It would not be right for us to neglect the ministry of the word of God in order to wait on tables. ³ Brothers and sisters, choose seven men from among you who are known to be full of the Spirit and wisdom. We will turn this responsibility over to them ⁴and will give our attention to prayer and the ministry of the word."

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Strategic leaders see the big picture and direct others accordingly. Nakikita ng mga madiskarteng pinuno ang malaking larawan at pinamamahalaan ang iba nang naaayon.

Tactical leaders understand the big picture and see how their piece fits in the puzzle. Naiintindihan ng mga taktikal na lider ang malaking larawan at nakikita kung paano umaangkop ang kanilang piraso sa palaisipan.

4. Influence the Community. (Nag-iimpluwensya sa komunidad)

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When God's Presence is on a church, there are more Disciples. Kapag ang presensya ng Diyos ay nasa simbahan mas marami ang mga Disipulo.

Because there are more Disciples, there are more needs and there is more Ministry. Dahil mas marami ang mga Disipulo, mas maraming pangangailangan at mas maraming Ministeryo.

Because there is more ministry, there needs to be more leaders. And the result is a greater influence in the Community. Dahil mas marami ang ministeryo, kailangang mas maraming pinuno. At ang resulta ay mas malaking impluwensya sa Komunidad.

"Blessed is the influence of one true, loving soul on another." – George Eliot

Challenge:

God called us to serve Him and His purpose. Influencing our community is God's way for us to come to His grace of salvation and transformation. We need to step up our game to be more involved in God's ministry of our generation.

Tinawag tayo ng Diyos upang paglingkuran Siya at ang Kanyang layunin. Ang pag-impluwensya sa ating komunidad ay paraan ng Diyos para makarating tayo sa Kanyang biyaya ng kaligtasan at pagbabago. Kailangan nating pag-ibayuhin ang ating laro para mas maging kasangkot sa ministeryo ng Diyos sa ating henerasyon.

Discussion:

1. What challenges do you see in Luke 10:2? (Ano ang mga hamon na nakikita mo sa Luke 10:2?)

Luke 10:2 He told them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field."

2. How will you respond to this challenge? (Luke 10:2) (Paano mo isasakatuparan ang hamong ito sa iyong buhay?)

3. What do you learn from our teaching today, and how will you apply it in your life? (Ano ang natutunan mo sa ating napag-aralan ngayon at paano mo ito maisasakatuparan sa iyong buhay?)