# The Thriving Church, Part 2: Leadership

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The Thriving Church Series / Luke 9:1-6

A Thriving Church Grows Young

A Thriving Church Is Christ Centered

### **Keychain** Leadership

Keys = the capabilities, power, and access of leaders that carry the potential to empower <u>young</u> people.

### **Keychain Leaders are:**

- acutely aware of the keys on their keychain; and
- <u>intentional</u> about entrusting and empowering all generations, including teenagers and emerging adults, with their own set of keys.

# **Keychain Leadership Continuum:**

- Key-<u>less</u> leaders
- Key-<u>hoarding</u> leaders
- Key-<u>loaning</u> leaders
- <u>Keychain</u> leaders:

# **Examples of Keychain Leaders:**

Moses was a keychain leader. Ex. 18:25-26

Jesus was a keychain leader. Luke 9:1-6

Peter was a keychain leader. Matt. 16:19-20

# **Six Essentials of Keychain Leadership:**

- 1. mature, not always young (Ex. 18:25-26)
- 2. are <u>real</u>, not "relevant" (Rom. 7:15)
- 3. are warm, not distant (John 13:15)
- 4. know what matters to other people, not just their peers (Phil. 2:1-4)
- 5. entrust and <u>empower</u> others; they don't try to be a "SuperheroChristian" (Luke 9:1-6)
- 6. and take the long view, not shortsighted steps. (Eph. 4:11-13)

### **Prayer**

Churches that are <u>committed</u> to keychain leadership are thriving and growing young.

Let us <u>commit</u> to becoming keychain leaders.