

Shoulder to Shoulder
Bible Study
Lesson 5

Connecting With Your Pastor

A Bible Study Series of The Mt. Zion Church
We Have the Vision to be a LEARNING Church!
We are Rooted in Christ and Reaching the One!

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by Supporting Your Pastor*

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Introduction: Chapter 5 Teaches us the power of connecting. In this lesson we will discover that Pastor and People benefit when unity exists between all members of the church, especially between pastors and members. To achieve this level of unity requires an understanding of the heart of your pastor. Today, we will observe 10 Keys and 10 verses which teach us about connecting with the heart of your pastor.

TEN KEYS TO CONNECTING WITH YOUR PASTOR

1. See Your Church with Your Pastor's Perspective John 9:4

- Do you know what is most important to your pastor?
- Can you articulate it in a sentence to someone else?

2. See Your Church with Your Pastor's Vision 2 Kings 6: 8-23

- We must understand the Vision because it is the framework for everything we do.
- Why was Gehazi struggling in his role with Elisha?
- What is your pastor's vision for the church? If you don't know how can you do it?

A. We have a Vision to be _____

B. We have a Vision to be _____

C. We have a Vision to be _____

D. We have a Vision to be _____

- How have you seen the vision of our church in action over the first 6 months of the year?

3. Always Be Honest Colossians 3: 9

- Your honesty in love supports the work of the church.
 - What is the difference between being honest and having an uncontrolled tongue?

4. Never Give History Lessons Proverbs 15:22
 - How do you show care for your church through advising from your expertise?
5. Know There Is Only One Pastor Luke 9: 1
 - How can you embrace the ideas that your pastor will not be effective if he must do everything and be everywhere?
6. Be the Eyes and Ears for Your Pastor Exodus 17:12-14
 - Ignore it if it is no big deal. Don't major in the minors!
 - Take care of it yourself if you have the authority to do so!
 - Bring it to Pastor Ken by text or email! (But, be balanced)
 - Not all conversations or ideas need to be shared. Ask yourself, does this move the vision forward?
7. Focus on the Heart as Much as the Mind Proverbs 29:18
 - Can you articulate your pastor's heart? If not, do you really have a connection?
 - Seek to understand how your pastor's vision and ministry connect and move to implement that vision. Ask yourself, how does this (meaning whatever your pastor is asking people to do) connect to my pastor's vision?

8. Do not Assume! Ask! Proverbs 4:7
 - Ask those who have a heart for ministry not for mess!
 - Ask with the intention to make a difference
 - Do not just ask because.
9. Have a Good Connection Proverbs 18:2, 13
 - When you have poor communication, how do you feel?
 - How does Satan use poor communication?
10. Take Time and Create Depth of Flavor Peter, James, and John
 - Those closest with Pastor Ken will be few, but every member can have a strong sense of his mind and heart
 - Your work in ministry is about your ultimate connection with Christ's work for your life.