

Handout #6

Movement: Removing Congestion

[FOUR ELEMENTS : Clarity -> **Movement** -> Alignment -> Focus]

1. **Do you like rush-hour traffic?** What do you feel when you are in congestion?
 - Congestion during the rush hour is painful. Head or Chest congestion is also a nuisance. Congestion in the head, chest or road prevents movement. (pp.135-136)
2. The church is congested if spiritual movement is stifled. Our church should be filled with people with who are becoming. Becoming more like Christ. Becoming more loving and joyful. Being transformed. (p.136) **Are you becoming more like Christ?** How do you know?
3. Read 2 Corinthians 3:12-18. Just as God transformed Moses, He transforms us when we place ourselves in His presence. The word for **'transform'** is in the passive voice and present tense. **The passive** voice indicates that we do not transform ourselves. _____ is the one who does the transforming. **The present** tense indicates that this transforming is currently taking place. Transformation is not only a past event. God is also about _____ _____. (p.138) The word from transformation is 'metamorphosis'. It means to change the essential nature of something.
 - God desires to bring His people through this morphing process. He seeks to transform the people in your church into His image.
4. God did the transforming, but Moses played a vital role in the process, What was his part? Moses _____ himself in the _____ place to be transformed by God. You part as a church leader is to place people in the _____ of God's transforming power. (p.139)
 - The ministry process is not where the power lies. Only God does the transforming. However, God has designed spiritual growth to be a process. Simple church leaders have designed their simple process with movement in mind.

5. Movement is the _____ steps in the process that causes people to _____ to greater areas of commitment. (p.139) Do you have a simple process that moves people? Or is your church body full of congestion?
6. Jesus had a simple discipleship process. Jesus _____ twelve men to Himself, _____ them, and _____ the movement of the gospel through them. Jesus had no plan B. The disciples were the plan. (p. 160)
7. In the Gospel of Luke, three distinct phase emerge: _____, _____, and _____. These phases are sequential and are designed to move the disciple toward greater levels of commitment. (p.161)
- **The Calling** (Luke 5-6) : Jesus provided disciples with opportunities to encounter and experience Him.
 - **The Building** (Luke 7-8) : Jesus provided them with opportunities designed to build their faith.
 - **The Sending** (Luke 9) : Jesus provided disciples opportunities to grow by serving.

Note from “Simple Church”

Jesus called, built and sent His disciples. He strategically and sequentially placed them in a position to move to greater levels of commitment and growth. His discipleship process was simple. It was not stagnant or congested. It had movement.

