

# THE TRELLIS AND THE VINE

THE MINISTRY MIND-SHIFT THAT CHANGES EVERYTHING



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## 1 Corinthians 1-4

- What is the 'vine' for Paul?  
What is his ministry all about?
- What are the Corinthians  
more focused on?

# Vine work

“The basic work of any Christian ministry is to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ in the power of God’s Spirit, and to see people converted, changed and grow to maturity in that gospel.”

1. Expository preaching
2. Small group inductive Bible study
3. One to One Bible study and discipleship
4. Apprenticeship – 2 Tim 2:2
5. Every member ministry

# Shifts

1. from running programs to building people;
2. from running events to training people;
3. from using people to growing people;
4. from filling gaps to training new workers;
5. from solving problems to helping people make progress;
6. from clinging to ordained ministry to developing team leadership;
7. from focusing on church polity to forging ministry partnerships;
8. from relying on training institutions to establishing local training;
9. from focusing on immediate pressures to aiming for long-term expansion;
10. from engaging in management to engaging in ministry;
11. from seeking church growth to desiring gospel growth



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- Sharpen your convictions. “Dig into the Bible and its theology to clarify what you believe about disciple-making and ministry.”
- Reform your personal culture. “Make sure that your convictions have penetrated the culture of your own life; that you are demonstrating your convictions by how you live and minister to others.”
- Loving, honest evaluation. “Undertake a clear-eyed thoughtful examination of everything that happens in your church to see how well (or poorly) it accords with your convictions: in what areas does your culture best reflect your convictions, where is it weakest, and where is the greatest potential for growth?”
- Innovate and implement. “Work out what you want to stop doing, start doing, and keep doing; plan new pathways for disciple-making and work out how to implement these over time.”
- Maintain momentum. “Monitor and review how the project is unfolding; look at obstacles and work out how to overcome them; build momentum and keep it rolling.”