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- e. How will you give them opportunities to grow and exercise in these areas?
- 6. List examples of how your people can present their bodies to God for his use. List examples of wrong thinking in which they need to transform their minds. How will you lead them in these areas?
- 7. Does your denomination or church have policies about church discipline?
 - a. Do you know them?
 - b. Do you agree with them?
 - c. Do your people know them and agree with them?
- d. If there are no policies, list what you think would be the most important policies to create. What will you do to turn them from ideas to official policies?
- 8. What one thing will you do this week to grow more like Jesus?

APPLYING CHAPTER 4

- 1. How did you become a Christian?
 - a. Was it through a preacher, or an "ordinary Christian"?
 - b. If it was through a preacher, were any "ordinary Christians" involved in getting you to hear the message, or in following up with you?
- 2. Imagine someone asked your church members why they are Christians and what that means.
 - a. How well would they be able to answer?
 - b. Would their lives demonstrate it?
 - c. What can you do to improve that?
- 3. What does it mean to carry God's presence in love and power? How are

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you equipping your people to do that?

- 4. If your people were unable to get to church, or if you were unable to get there, would they be able to have church without you?
- a. If not, in what specific areas do they need to be equipped in order to be ready?
 - b. List some ways you can equip them in those areas.
- 5. List any groups within your church that regularly meet without you, or that you don't lead, such as Bible studies, prayer groups or fellowship groups.
 - a. How are you encouraging leaders to develop within these groups?
 - b. How are you making sure they don't go off in a wrong direction?
- 6. Who in your church might be ready for more ministry responsibility?
 - a. What might you ask them to do?
 - b. How will you encourage, equip and support them in doing it?

APPLYING CHAPTER 5

- 1. Who do you know whom God might be calling to be a pastor? Pray about whether you should suggest the idea to them.
- 2. If you are studying this book with other pastors or students, tell each other about your calls to ministry.
 - a. How are they similar?
 - b. How are they different?
 - c. What can you learn from this?
- 3. If you are part of a denomination or group, what is their process for becoming a pastor and being put in charge of a church?
 - a. If you are preparing to become a pastor, are you on track with that