

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

process?

b. If you are preparing to become a pastor and you are not part of such a denomination or group, what is your plan for being recognized as a pastor and put in charge of a church?

4. What person or group has authority to provide oversight to your pastoral ministry?

a. How is that exercised?

b. What do you understand to be the Biblical basis for that?

c. How far are you willing to submit your ministry to that authority?

d. If there is no such person or group, how will you know if you get off track?

## APPLYING CHAPTER 6

1. What would you say are the three most important things for you as a pastor to do?

a. Why are these the most important?

b. Does the way you spend your time and energy reflect these priorities?

c. If not, what will you change?

2. What do you believe are your main spiritual gifts? How does that answer affect your sense of what God is calling you to do as a pastor?

3. Pretend that you are in charge of hiring a pastor for your church.

a. Write out the job description as you understand it.

b. Now write out the job description you think your church leaders would write.

c. If your church or denomination has a written job description or list of responsibilities for pastors, take a look at that.

d. If there's a difference between any of these, pray about whether you