**Formation intensive outline part 3**

**A. A leadership prelude (More help available in “Alone at the Top: Divine Design in the Leadership of the Church)**

1. The task is immense, we might say maybe even impossible
2. If we cannot manage ourselves, how can we manage the release of the Spirit in the lives of others?
3. The battle is at a much higher level than we too often realize
4. The enemies know more about us than we know about ourselves if we do not live an unreflected, Spirit submissive life
5. God has provided a protection, but it has to be humbly recognized and accepted, then daily acted upon.
6. The kind of leadership I believe that the Bible advocates takes greater: reflection, understanding, time to develop, dialogue among the parties, accountability for the outcomes and recognition of the limitations of the present structures.

**B. Some thoughts on interdependency**

1. What it is not

 Emotional

 Relational

2. What it is

 a. It is the nature of the Godhead

 b. Therefore it is in the nature of what God creates in Genesis 1-2

 c. Therefore it is in the creation and nature of the Church

One church multiple interdependent congregations

 One Church many parts, gifts and roles

3. Therefore it is in the leadership that Christ gives the Church and

 the Spirit gives to the congregations

4. What enhances its operation?

 a. People with Spiritual maturity to fight off the catastrophic urges

 of the flesh

 b. People who can be loyal and focused on the outcome therefore

 embracing of diversity in others

 c. People who understand that the misio dei in the world through

 the Church is the outcome of their interdependency

 d. All other outcome confusion pollutes it or impedes it

5. Spiritual pragmatics is at its core

6. The Spirit builds it but we must be on the look out for those we

 belong with and embrace them.

**C. What is interdependence?**

1. The divine design of interdependency

The triune nature of God, the intimate connectedness of nature,

the interdependency of the body of Christ, the interdependency

of marriage

2. The strategic power of interdependency. More gets done and more

 holistically through the constant dance of interdependency

3. The protection of interdependency

From myself-Mark 10:35ff

From those around me.

**D. What is the difference between the function people given by Jesus and the gifts given by the Spirit?**

1. Ephesians 4:11- some

2. Corinthians 12:4-6-all

**E. A few personal and strategic questions about my life**

1. Who am I?
2. What should I be doing?
3. What training and experience will best get me there?
4. What are my biggest obstacles?

Answering The Who am I question

Getting good feedback

Dealing with my ego

5. Knowing the right team to work on

**F. Show me what that looks like in picture form**

1. Spiritual gifts pie chart

2. Applied through the capacities

3. Placed into the world either as gifts, roles or functions

4. All under the authority of the Missio dei statement of my life

5. Built upon the foundation of a daily living relationship with God in

 and through His word navigated in submission to the Holy Spirit of

 God into the earthly image of the Son of God

**G. Watch your life**

1. Spending time every day in God's word is non-negotiable!!!! It is

 the most important thing you will do. Hebrews 4:12 ff

2. Learn to recognize the flesh around you and in you and learn to

 say no. Colossians 2:6ff

3. Build a life (person, marriage, and family) that reflects the most

 important values of righteousness that we see in the New

 Testament. Five values. (see those values in **“Renovation: A Survey**

 **on Divine Design in The Life of The Church”**

4. Recognize and act in what God has designed through His people.

 Whatever God is going to do in the world He is going to do through

 all of Christ's people. Ephesians 1:22-23

5. Be careful about the heresy in the Church. 1 Timothy (see the chapter on Heresy in “*Church as God Designed It*— <https://www.amazon.com/dp/1732555931/>

Have them draw a circle. Use this pie chart to map out what they thing are their spiritual gifts. Out to the right of the pie chart ask them to write down the role that God has designed where they use these gifts. Ask each to write on a board their work of all to see. Give each person time to explain. Use the opportunity to tease what they mean, correcting thoughts if they are not according to scripture. For help review the relevant chapters in Alone at the Top. Their work on this circle and the matrix will be the focus of times of discussion and emphasis that you have with them.