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Deployment week

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# Fly

Deployment is scary for me. Because it feels like a new pilot that is training on me. If my son is young I take care of him, but if he is 40 and he is still home eating my food and living in his own room that is wrong. My goal is to get them out and let them fly. You should stay home until you're ready and I am not annoyed with you. You should say here as long as you need to be here. The goal was to send people out to do something and be productive and fulfill the great commission. It is not just go, but go and make disciples. Want to make it clear that you actually have a job to do in going, go and make disciples!

# Ready

Go and feel equipped enough to actually make disciples, unique difference between the want to go and the need to go. There is a difference between those, a lot of students want to go. But some of you need another year for what God wants to do in your life. A bit like his little girl in her easy fake bake oven than a real oven cranking up to 350 degrees. Sometimes one year is too short, two years is almost there, right at the end of third year they feel like they are deployed. That is what I see, balance the want to go versus the need to go.

# Go

In this environment, students really need to go! Go, don't stay. I am biased in how I communicate that I needed to stay. Also, do that if you want to. Sometimes you have to give your kids away so they learn what they need to learn. The most growth he had was when he got asked to leave Bethel to do something else. Really stretched and grow you need to go somewhere. When you're picking internships there is more than second or first year. All here get filled up, somewhere else that aren’t in this environment some need to go to! Look at those people and realize is that where I need to be?

# How do I know I am ready?

I have no good answer, but there are things that help. You know how you talk and God fills your mouth? That was good I don't know where that came from. One thing that is important: did I get what I came for? Some of you are working out stuff you heard the third week in first year. In second year you have Bill and Kris so much, I am going to puke I am full of the Lord. Third year is not as much teaching.

Bistro Jantille? in Napa has great french food, first time what is the best thing on this menu? He looked at me and said it's not that easy, why? Well, everything is good! There is a man in that kitchen he has 40 years of experience in french meals. The best of what he has made is on this menu. School of ministry is kind of like that: the very best every day. If you go to that restaurant for 1 or 2 years, I can go there every day, the difference is I can't cook like that. I can tell others about my experience, can take them to the restaurant, but I can't make it.

My hope: not just what the instructors are sharing, but can I reproduce what it is that they are sharing? Lifelong journey, that cook has perfected whatever he is cooking. What is our greatest core value? God is good! Do you taste of that every day, demonstrate the goodness of God every day? Realistic expectations, third year really puts you in the kitchen, to learn to make and give away what you've learned in the last few years.

# Practicals

What should we think about with internships? Deployed and not do a internship is a good gauge to go somewhere. Not just heard or have a whole bunch. An actual internship, what do you look for?

## Mentor is vital

Interact, expectation, style, what are they great at that I am not? What are they not good at? Responsibility is to cover, not always change them. Mentor is your biggest barometer by what am I supposed to be with? All apply for is Haley Braun, last year she pulled her own revival group for the number of applicants. Over 60 students, she beat me, I was so unhappy about that. How many interns? 4. How many people does she say no to? 56 people are going to be like the Lord told me Haley was the person! Picking your mentor is important, but there are a bunch of people lined up. Most people won't take the person if they say if I don't get you I won't be in third year. If that's you, then don't be in third year!

## Environment

The environment plays a huge role in what you do. It is dependant upon your mentor. 40% will be dictated by the environment. Be careful to not pick a mentor you love in an environment you hate. Better to pick an environment you love!

## Requirements

What is really going to be required of me besides the papers? 25 hours a week. Let's be fair, some require more! In school, you're going to be busy! In other places people say can I volunteer in school? Look at them and how you can manage those appropriately. The last thing you want to do is take an internship and not do things you love.