

Finding Strength in Christ for Ministry

The sad reality is that the world of Christian leadership is littered with stories of leaders who have given up or burned out. How can we find the strength we need for years of healthy and fruitful ministry? This session will apply the gospel framework set out by the apostle Paul in Colossians to this question.

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I. The difficulties of Christian leadership

- A. The burdens and demands on the leader

- B. The isolation of the leader

- C. The sufferings of the leader

- D. The power and the glory found in leadership

- E. Christian leadership and our identity

II. Finding strength through our identity in Christ

A. What it means that Christ is our life

B. Christ-based vs. performance-based leaders

III. Finding strength through setting our hearts and minds on Christ enthroned

A. The transforming power of the objects we behold

B. Christ's all-sufficiency for the leader

IV. The comfort of Christ's second coming

Suggested Readings:

Michael Reeves, *Rejoicing in Christ* (Downers Grove, IL.: IVP Academic, 2015)