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Exploring the biblical models of shepherding, mentoring, and equipping, *They Smell Like Sheep* unlocks the secrets of leadership for anyone.

What kind of leadership will effectively lead the church into the morally turbulent twenty-first century? The same kind of leadership that led it through the morally and politically chaotic first century. Shepherding.

This is the kind of leadership Jesus used, and this is the kind of leadership that will take his church where he wants it to go.

While the term "shepherd" produces warm images of love, care, and tenderness, it also describes a form of leadership that is perilously protective, dangerous, dirty, and smelly.

"Shepherd" is something that every follower of Christ, the Good Shepherd, is called to become.

Lynn Anderson, in this important book, leads us backwards in time to discover and identify the biblical leader for the future needs of the Christian community. Anderson's deep dig for truth will concern, convict, and confront us about where leadership has been, and will set a new standard for where the future leader must go.

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David Lipely says

This is a great book for all church leaders to read! It is an awesome opener to the topic of doing ministry as Jesus did! The authors use of stories is insightful and not at all distracting to the writing and teaching he is doing where other authors might distract from these instead... As well i really love the quote "we must minister like Jesus did- recruit 12, graduate 11, and focus on 3!"

Erik Bonkovsky says

This is a very good book on the nature of church leadership. It is Biblical and winsome and inspiring. I had never heard of Lynn Anderson and started this book with some skepticism. But it won me over and makes me want to be a better shepherd of God's flock; makes me want to smell like the sheep.

Michaelpatrick Keena says

There is only one thing that smells anything like sheep; and that's a shepherd. He feeds them, guides them, protects them from dangerous predators...and sometimes from their own stupidity. He is there when they are injured; and when they are sick, nursing them back to health. He lives with them day and night. He knows them by name; and they know his voice and touch.

So it should be with pastors and their congregations. Though his gifts of leadership, exhortation and teaching place him in a special relationship; he is still a part of them, one of them, himself a redeemed sinner being transformed by the Holy Spirit into the image of Christ.

Too many pastors forget their Biblical role, and try to be CEOs, mega speakers, autocrats or the like. They need to be shepherds taking care of the sheep that God has entrusted into their care. Their shared relationship and identity should be recognized by outsiders; just as a shepherd and his flock.

Onewifeonly says

I'm sure it was on point in 1997.

Gene Cornett says

I was introduced to this book by my good friend Tim Marshall who gave me a copy and continues to model this behavior for me. The title describes well the book's thesis. Though some ministry is possible by long distance, there's no substitute for being near, spending time with, and loving people. It is the way Jesus did ministry. Pastors and other spiritual leaders cannot effectively minister only from the quiet air of their private study, but must experience the griefs and joys of their people alongside them.

Beth says

I love the idea of a shepherd. Great for leadership

Peter Voorhees says

I forgot that I had started this book a while ago. This is a good book. Not a great book, but a good one. His examples and stories are very practical and help give context to what he is trying to say. It's not a gripping read, but it's easy enough to get through.

If you have had any experience with church and leadership in the church, you might find that this book drags a bit. If you are just starting out, you will probably find this book very helpful. Most of his context seems to be in the South, primarily Texas. The Bible Belt is a unique place to minister, not like other parts of the country.

I'd probably recommend this book for those wanting to go into pastoral ministry and recommend another book for those looking to tweak and make their ministry more effective and streamlined.

I will say, what I do love about this book is the author's focus on being with people. There is a tendency for 21st century pastors to be CEO's rather than shepherds, and I think Lynn does a great job focusing on the importance of being with people.

The Book Man says

This is the kind of leadership Jesus used, and this is the kind of leadership that will take his church where he wants it to go.

~ "Good spiritual leaders are shepherds, not saviors, leaders not lords, guides not gods."

~ "Every Christian is meant to equip some other Christian."

~ "Having 'children that believe' is not meant as a test of fertility but as an introduction of spirituality".

~ "Lost people matter to God, and thus they matter to men of God."

David says

An important book for the church. Every church member would benefit by reading it. I especially liked what Anderson had to say in Chapter 13 on authority.

Peter Pinyol says

He disfrutado este libro en su presentación del liderazgo Biblico como un "pastor" no como un mandamás... pero sobre todo lo he disfrutado porque podía identificarme con muchas de las luchas que el pastor que

escribió este libro tuvo en su ministerio. Hoy vivimos en días de desprecio y criticismo hacia aquellos que Dios ha levantado en la iglesia local para "dirigir, instruir, presidir, etc..." aunque ningún pastor es "perfecto" (todos somos hombres caídos en el pecado) hay algunos que huelen a oveja y otros que manipulan, y utilizan a las ovejas para conseguir sus propósitos, el resultado de sus ministerios habla mucho de ello. Le ruego al Señor que mi vida y ministerio huela a oveja... y también y sobre todo huela a verestado con el BUEN PASTOR

Tom Graham says

I was captivated by the title, the theme and almost all of the message. It was easy to overlook those references that tried to create an appeal also to those outside "our fellowship". I also agreed wholeheartedly to the strong and almost exclusive emphasis on shepherding the flock, but when a chapter not only de-emphasized but sought to completely dismiss the role as episkopos, I say the book goes too far. Do your own study on episkopos.

Robert Wegner says

I started this book thinking it would be overcoming difficulty in relation to pastoring, but it was much more inclusive and descriptive, detailing the Biblical descriptions of shepherding a group of believers. Very helpful insights concerning how to better love and serve people while also rightly defining Biblical church leadership.

Carl Jenkins says

Great book on leadership in the church in general, and from the position of the eldership specifically.

Nikki Chiu says

Must read for every pastors or aspiring pastors

Jon Hembree says

The way we follow Jesus into leadership, especially in his church, is to shepherd. This book lays out what that looks like to be a shepherd of God's flock. It's both conceptual and practical. As I've done more learning and looking into the shepherding model of leading, I'm really excited about the possibilities.
