

## Seeking a Man for the Gap

Ezekiel 22:1-31

June 19, 2022

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- Be willing to do something nobody notices
- Be willing to do the things no one else wants to do
- Serve those that will never be able to serve you back
- We mirror Christ most when we serve

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### II. The Church Needs Men to Stand in the Commitment Gap

A. a commitment to prayer

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- Prayer brings a spirit of revival
- Prayer moves the heart of God
- Prayer invites God's Holy Spirit power in our church & life

B. A commitment to personal bible study

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- Commitment to personal bible study
- Commitment to live out the word on a personal level

C. A commitment to corporate stewardship

*"But the king said to Araunah, 'No I will buy it from you for a price. I will not offer burnt offerings to the Lord my God that cost me nothing.'" – II Samuel 24:24(ESV)*

- Stewardship of our wealth
- Stewardship of our life (talents, gifts, service, etc.)

D. A commitment to corporate worship & Bible Study

- Lead your wife and children in attending worship
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### III. The Church Needs Men to Stand in the Gap of Mentorship

*"Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ." – I Corinthians 11:1 (ESV)*

#### Questions Concerning Mentorship

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- Who are you mentoring in your church?
- Do you look for opportunities to mentor young men in your church?
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