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Equipping the Saints

Dear Pastor,

You know the passage. One of the reasons God gave you to your church is to equip believers for the work of the ministry.

The obvious point is that you can't, and you aren't supposed to, do it all yourself. The not so obvious point is, how exactly do you go about this equipping?

That's a fair question that can't be answered in a short email, and we certainly don't have all the answers anyway. But we suggest that one aspect of it is to help your people understand the issues of the day. We think again of the example of the sons of Issachar, who had a reputation for "understanding of the times, to know what Israel ought to do" (I Chron. 12:32).

One of the important aspects of our ministry at Wisconsin Family Council is to be a resource to help you help your people develop their "understanding of the times."

As you think through the important role you play in "equipping the saints," you might benefit from this article by Michael Brown [HERE](#). It isn't long, and we hope you will read it thoughtfully and prayerfully. (We don't suggest Dr. Brown is infallible of course. We're only saying he has some worthwhile things in this article for us to ponder.)

At the risk of sounding like a broken record, one avenue of ministry we invite you to consider is connecting with your elected officials to be a gospel witness and encouragement to them. They need it now more than ever, and no one is better positioned to do this than the Bible-believing, gospel-preaching pastors in our state.

May the Lord richly bless your faithful ministry of the Word.

In Christ,

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PS: When it comes to "understanding the times," we have also found this [article by Wayne Grudem](#) to be helpful. Maybe you will, too.

PPS: We have a number of events lined up already for this fall. Today we will be in Pewaukee at the Machine Shed and this Thursday at the Pizza Ranch in Ashwaubenon. Julaine has an exciting new presentation to share with us entitled, "We're Here...For Such a Time as This." Please join us if you can. And would you please let your church family know about our events? Thanks! Details and registration can be found [HERE](#).