

The CEO Has Left the Sanctuary

by Mike Mirakian, p.58

1. Mike Mirakian identifies the tasks of a pastor preaching, leading, and caring. Do you think these tasks can be prioritized? Do you see the duties of a pastor based primarily on the needs of the congregation or the gifting of the pastor?
2. Instead of “happy,” Mirakian uses the word grateful to describe how he feels about being part of the care process with families in his congregation. How does gratefulness fit into times you have been called to walk alongside loved ones in difficulty?
3. Megachurches often receive a lot of attention in the media, but the majority of churches in America, and in the Covenant are small congregations. Although our culture tends to perceive big as good, can you identify situations or seasons when small has been better in your own church experience?
4. We are all called to be priests to this world. In what ways did you learn to love others from the examples of this article?
5. Miriakian concludes with a call for “white space” in the lives of pastors. Who in your life models the kind of availability he is describing?