

Sunday, August 9 2020

Pastor Jake Magee

For Everyone | Comparison Kills

Luke 9: 43-48



“43 And all were astonished at the majesty of God. But while they were all marveling at everything he was doing, Jesus said to his disciples, 44 “Let these words sink into your ears: The Son of Man is about to be delivered into the hands of men.” 45 But they did not understand this saying, and it was concealed from them, so that they might not perceive it. And they were afraid to ask him about this saying. 46 An argument arose among them as to which of them was the greatest. 47 But Jesus, knowing the reasoning of their hearts, took a child and put him by his side 48 and said to them, “Whoever receives this child in my name receives me, and whoever receives me receives him who sent me. For he who is least among you all is the one who is great.” - Luke 9

### Comparison Kills Greatness When...

- 1) His Word Doesn't Sink In

*“Let these words sink into your ears.” - Vs. 44*

- 2) His Worth Doesn't Sink In

*“An argument arose among them as to which...was the greatest.” - Vs. 46*

- 3) His Path Doesn't Sink In

*“Whoever receives this child...” - Vs. 48*



Dear FBC family,

We wanted to give you a brief look in on our process of finding our next Worship Pastor. We desire your prayers and support as we move forward. We've assembled a search team made up of the following members of Shelton FBC: Pastor James Dale, Natalie Hamilton, Pastor Glen Keeffe, Pastor Jake Magee, Anne-Marie Nakhla, Silvia Sims, and Len Williams. Our process is made up of the following six steps:

**Step # 1 - Intercession.** We have dedicated special time to prayer and fasting. God has the right person out there somewhere in the world. We don't know who that person is, but we know He does! We also recognize our amazing ability to get in the way of God's perfect will for us. We believe prayer is critical during this search to help us get out of the way. Will you join us in prayer and fasting in this season of searching?

**Step # 2 - Advertising-** Not only are we using tradition routes to make this position known (such as ministry staffing websites), we are exhausting all of our personal and ministry connections. You might know someone the Lord might be calling to Shelton FBC. If so, give them our website address and encourage them to apply: [www.sheltonfbc.org/search](http://www.sheltonfbc.org/search).

**Step #3 - Introductions-** As we connect with applicants, we start with application, resume, references, faith story, philosophy of musical worship, and media clips of worship services they've facilitated. In addition, we conduct our own personal research of the applicant (e.g., social media platforms and ministry websites). It's been our experience that 90% of applicants will not go beyond this point.

**Step #4 - Exploration-** If we feel good about an applicant and they feel good about us, we begin a series of interviews designed to assess their character, competency, and chemistry. This will include multiple conversations with the personal and ministry references given. This process will continue until the team feels satisfied that we can move onto the next step or move onto the next person.

**Step #5 - Invitation-** If step #4 is successful, we will invite the candidate to come and visit FBC to interview with our Pastors and Elders and to lead worship on a Sunday morning. Our Pastors and Elders will be available after the services to answer questions. The candidate will be available after the 2<sup>nd</sup> service to meet you. This visit will also include a special Q&A session for volunteers in the worship and technical departments with the candidate.

**Step #6 - Recommendation** - If after all this the search team feels confident to recommend a candidate for hire, they will submit an official recommendation for hire to the Pastors & Elders. If the recommendation is approved, the position will be formally offered to the candidate.

I hope this summary of the process is helpful. If you have any questions, feel free to contact us at [search@sheltonfbc.org](mailto:search@sheltonfbc.org).

Sincerely,

Pastor Jake



**Study Questions:  
Will Resume in September**

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- ◆ **Sign Up to attend** 9am or 10:30am <http://www.sheltonfbc.org/>
- ◆ **Sunday Morning** Notes & Questions online at: <http://www.sheltonfbc.org/sundaymornings/>
- ◆ **Watch our Live Stream Services** Sundays @ 9:00 and 10:30am <https://www.facebook.com/sheltonfbc/>  
Scroll down the page to see the Livestream. Comment to let us know you're with us!
- ◆ **Watch our RECORDED Service** on **Vimeo**: <https://vimeo.com/user104570771> click on the **+FOLLOW** in the right hand corner to get notices of our postings.
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