

Lecture 4: First Pastorates

Our Father, we thank You for this glorious day. We thank You that we can be here to think together and study together and we pray that You'll be teaching us. Again Father, we desire to learn Your mind for our own lives and for our ministries to other people as we look at one example of a couple You raised up to be Your children and to be Your servants in our generation. So Father we pray that You will help us and give us understanding and show us where we can learn to follow their example as they followed Yours, and not in any other way. So Father be with us, we ask in Jesus' name, Amen.

Review and Introduction: Having brought us to the point of the Schaeffers move to Wilmington and transfer of Francis' studies to Faith Seminary, Professor Barrs reviews the completion of Francis' studies and introduces us to his first two pastorates.

First Pastorates

I. Final Years at Seminary

- A. Move to Wilmington, Delaware
- B. Help in setting up the campus
- C. Graduation: Summer, 1938

II. Entering the Pastorate (Grove City, Pennsylvania—1938 to 1941 [*Tapestry*, page 204])

- A. Interest in children
- B. Interest in young people (creativity)
- C. Pastoral visiting
- D. Commitment to the value of prayer
- E. Church growth

III. Move to a New Pastorate (Chester, Pennsylvania—1941 to 1943)

- A. Worked with wide range of people
- B. Summer camp
- C. Spending of the Lord's money
- D. Commitment to the seriousness of prayer