



LEAD LIKE JESUS

SESSIONS 1 AND 2

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SESSION 1

JESUS LEADERSHIP

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

By the end of the session, participants will have:

1. Understood the need for biblical leadership.
2. Enumerated the reasons for a Jesus-leadership style.
3. Identified the 4Hs of Jesus-Leadership.

EXPLORE

(10 minutes)

Group size: Gather 3-5 members each group.

- Instructions:* Discuss your answer to these questions:
1. In your personal experience, share which resource/s have helped you learn about leadership principles?

 2. Name one leader you admire the most. What have you learned from him/her that has helped you be a better leader?

LEARNING NUGGET

In this module, our journey will take us back to the best source of leadership principles and will ensure **that our understanding of leadership is deeply rooted in the Word**. We hope that, by the end of our training, our lives will be transformed in the likeness of The Good Shepherd, the greatest model of leadership.

I. The Need for Biblical Leadership

Leadership has been a constant buzz-word in many organizations. Corporate entities even make huge investments to ensure that their people attend the most recent leadership seminars. Leadership, as a focus of academic studies, has become an industry of its own. There has also been a steady growth in leadership literature for the last 20 years. This means that over the years, there have been a growing number of leadership styles. **While the world provides a lot of insightful leadership materials which we can use from time to time, it could also lead to confusion as to which materials is to be used.**

With all the leadership styles and different approaches, we are led to ask a few questions: “Does the Bible have a preferred leadership style over the other?” Is there really such thing as biblical leadership? If there is, what is it? What does it take to become an effective leader?

The Bible chronicles different approaches to leadership in various scenarios over a long period of time. Moses was able to implement a good succession planning, Joshua inspired his people as a courageous leader, Nehemiah mastered the art of delegation, King Solomon is known for his extraordinary wisdom, and David is always the man after God’s own heart. These are just some of many biblical characters illustrating a rich variety of biblical sources regarding leadership.

It is very important for existing and potential leaders of the church to understand and apply a biblical model of leadership so that they can relevantly impact the society.

“All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for **teaching**, for **reproof**, for **correction**, for **training** in righteousness; so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work.”

2 TIMOTHY 3:16–17

⁵“Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I set you apart; I appointed you as a prophet to the nations.”

⁶“Ah, Sovereign LORD,” I said,

“I do not know how to speak; I am only a child.”

⁷But the LORD said to me, **“Do not say, ‘I am only a child.’**

You must go to everyone I send you to and say whatever I command you.

⁸**Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you and will rescue you,”** declares the LORD.

JEREMIAH 1:5–8

³“For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: **Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought**, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the measure of faith God has given you.”

ROMANS 12:3

You have heard of so many stories of burned out leaders or timid apprentices inside the church. So before we proceed with our lesson, it will help to keep things in the right perspective. Let us identify two foundational principles which in turn can address the issue of inadequacy and the issue of frustration.

II. Two Foundational Principles on Biblical Leadership

PRINCIPLE ONE: God is the _____

“The **LORD is my shepherd**, I shall not be in want”

PSALM 23:1

“I am **the good shepherd**; I know my sheep and my sheep know me— just as the Father knows me and I know the Father— and I lay down my life for the sheep.”

JOHN 10:15–16

“Be **shepherds of God’s flock** that is under your care, serving as overseers—not because you must, but because you are willing, as God wants you to be; not greedy for money, but eager to serve; not lording it over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock. And when the **Chief Shepherd** appears, you will receive the crown of glory that will never fade away.”

1 PETER 5:2–4

⁷ “Therefore, you shepherds, hear the word of the LORD: ⁸ As surely as I live, declares the Sovereign LORD, because My flock lacks a shepherd and so has been plundered and has become food for all the wild animals, and because My shepherds did not search for My flock but cared for themselves rather than for My flock, ⁹ therefore, O shepherds, hear the word of the LORD: ¹¹ “For this is what the Sovereign LORD says: I Myself will search for My sheep and look after them. ¹² As a shepherd looks after his scattered flock when he is with them, so will I look after My sheep. I will rescue them from all the places where they were scattered on a day of clouds and darkness.

EZEKIEL 34:7–12

Things will start to fall apart when you try to take ownership of what is not yours. You start doubting your leadership capabilities because one person in your group is not responding positively. You make it your personal mission to make him change his ways, but all your efforts are in vain. Here’s the good news for you: they are not your flock. In the end, they will answer to God as will you. Your role is not to change them. That is the Holy Spirit’s job. Understanding that God is the Great Shepherd and that *“our role is to honor Him as we faithfully lead those He has entrusted to our care. Knowing this will save you from a lot of unnecessary pain”*.

PRINCIPLE TWO:

**God’s commission for us to “make disciples”
is a call to _____**

“Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

MATTHEW 28:18-20

As the present-day followers of Jesus Christ, we take part of this commissioning of making disciples, and making disciples assumes a role of influence, a role of a leader. You better believe it, as Christians it is embedded in our purpose to assume a leadership role—we are essentially called to be leaders. Jesus knew that accomplishing the Gospel mandate would not be easy, and so He promises His disciples something to which we can still hold on today; that is, He will always be with us even until the very end (v.20).

Our KRA	God’s KRA
Influence	Transform

IV. The 4Hs Jesus-Leadership?

This course focuses more on character development and your transformation as a biblically inspired Dgroup leader.

The **HEART** of a leader: *What should motivate you to lead?*

“Am I now trying to win the approval of men, or of God? Or am I trying to please men? If I were still trying to please men, I would not be a servant of Christ.”

GALATIANS 1:10

The **HEAD** of a leader:

What should be your perspective on leadership?

“³⁵ Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness. ³⁶ When He saw the crowds, He had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.”

MATTHEW 9:35–36

“¹⁹ For what is our hope, our joy, or the crown in which we will glory in the presence of our Lord Jesus when he comes? Is it not you? ²⁰ Indeed, you are our glory and joy.”

1 THESSALONIANS 2:19–20

The **HANDS** of a leader:

What are the skills that you need as a leader?

“Do you see a man skilled in his work? He will serve before kings; he will not serve before obscure men.”

PROVERBS 22:29

The **HABITS** of a leader:

What should your lifestyle be as a leader?

“His master replied, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your Master’s happiness!’”

MATTHEW 25:21

SESSION 2

THE HEART OF A LEADER

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

By the end of the session, participants will have:

1. Identified a biblical model of leadership.
2. Embraced Jesus' own leadership model.
3. Enumerated practical and biblical steps in cultivating a servant leader's heart.
4. Realigned one's motives of leading with that of Jesus'.

I. The HEART of leadership is _____

Jesus understands that the heart of leadership is to serve. For us to be effective leaders, we must understand what the right model and motive is for leadership. Jesus calls for us to have the heart of a servant as we lead.

A. Jesus presents the right _____ for leadership.

“Anyone who wants to be the first must take last place and be the servant of everyone else.”

MARK 9:35b

B. Jesus exemplifies the right _____ for leadership.

“And since I, the Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you ought to wash each other’s feet. I have given you an example to follow. Do as I have done to you.”

JOHN 13:14–15

Jesus-Leadership is all about Servant Leadership

“Leadership is first a spiritual matter of the heart. Whenever you have an opportunity or leadership responsibility to influence the thinking and the behavior of others, the first choice you are called to make is whether to be motivated by self-interest or by the benefit of those you are leading.”

KEN BLANCHARD

“³Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind let each of you regard one another as more important than himself; ⁴do not merely look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others.”

PHILIPPIANS 2:3-4

How Does a Right Heart Look Like?

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When we surrender our hearts and motives to God, He can truly transform us into the leaders He wants us to be.

A. He must have a heart of _____.

“So he shepherded them according to the integrity of his heart...”

PSALM 70:72 a

B. He must have a _____ heart.

“Then David said to Nathan,
I have sinned against the LORD.”

2 SAMUEL 12:13

(the example of king Josiah’s repentant heart)

“Because your heart was responsive and you humbled yourself before God when you heard what he spoke against this place and its people, and because you humbled yourself before me and tore your robes and wept in my presence, I have heard you, declares the LORD.”

2 CHRONICLES 34:27

C. He must have a heart that _____.

“The LORD has sought out for Himself a man **after His own heart**, and the LORD has appointed him as ruler over His people”

1 SAMUEL 13:14 a

D. He must have a _____ heart.

“**Teach me** to do your will, for you are my God”

PSALM 143:10

E. He must have a _____ heart.

“David shouted in reply, “You come to me with sword, spear, and javelin, **but I come to you in the name of the LORD** Almighty— the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied.”

1 SAMUEL 17:45

F. He must have a _____ heart.

“But David said, “No, my brothers! **Don’t be selfish with what the LORD has given us.** He has kept us safe and helped us defeat the enemy.”

1 SAMUEL 30:23

One does not simply acquire the right heart for leadership. Most of the time, it takes a lot of humbling experiences and a conscious effort to improve in our weak areas to develop the right kind of heart. We also know that our hearts can easily be swayed by outside influences. That is why we need to consider the following reminders:

Guard Your Heart

Guard your heart against...

- A. _____
- B. “Favorite” sins
- C. _____
- D. Pride and self-centeredness
- E. _____
- F. Envy

